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BIG EXPLOSION AT QUARRY BAY.

ELEVEN INJURED IN SERIOUS MISHAP.

HUGE BOILER WRECKS OIL FACTORY PREMISES.

ROOF BLOWN SKY HIGH.

Eleven persons were injured, one very seriously, in an alarming explosion at the Ling Wan Mow Oil Factory in the main street at Saiwanho this morning, when a huge steam boiler blew up, crashing through a six-inch concrete roof and scattering debris in all directions.

The boiler, which was over ten feet high, exploded without warning at about 10.30 a.m., startling the residents of Saiwanho, Taifoo and Shaukiwan, some of whom were injured when they learned the real cause of the terrific sound, serious though the accident was.

The roof had been specially constructed for the factory, but the top of the boiler shot through as though it were so much paper. A wall about eighteen inches thick was shattered like matchwood, and a cockloft within the factory, which stood near the boiler, was blown to splinters.

The Injured.

In all, eleven people were injured, but the injuries were not of a severe nature, except in one case, in which an engineer was badly crushed by falling debris. His condition is regarded as very grave.

There was the usual crowd of eager spectators when a *Telegraph* representative arrived on the scene at about noon. The gates of the factory were closed, being guarded by an Indian constable who kept back the crowd.

A scene of confusion that beggars description was presented within the factory, which occupies an area that would be sufficient for five Chinese tenement houses. The explosion occurred on the extreme left of the building, where there is no upper story, there being only a small portion of the factory on the extreme right, where the owner has a small Chinese house for himself, on the roof.

Debris Everywhere.

The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained, except that it originated in the boiler. It came with such suddenness that no one knows exactly what happened prior to the actual explosion. All that eye-witnesses could say was that there was a deafening "bang," and the next moment the walls of a brick partition, eighteen inches thick, came crashing down.

No one saw the boiler forced through the roof, but the beams, tiles and concrete came tumbling down on the workmen below and cries of "Save life!" were heard from all quarters. A cockloft erected within the factory, near the boiler, was reduced to matchwood, and simultaneously with the sound of the explosion, stones, pieces of wood, coal, and bits of cement were sent flying all over the factory. The street outside of the factory was soon littered with fragments of the concrete roof.

Special Precautions.

In conversation with the owner of the factory, our representative learned that the building was specially constructed for the purposes of an oil factory and every part of the premises was specially strengthened to resist any such "blow-up" as occurred this morning. The owner expressed the opinion that had the building not been so constructed, the whole place would have been blown to pieces.

The steam boiler, the owner explained, was installed in the factory to raise steam for the baking of ground-nuts prior to grinding them for oil. The factory also manufactured rice noodles, whilst large quantities of rice also underwent the process of being steamed before being ground to flour. The boiler had been in use in the factory for some years, almost every day. One engineer was employed to look after the boiler and a number of workmen were employed at different parts of the building, quite a few of these being near the boiler when the explosion occurred.

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MAJOR CAMPBELL WELCOMED.

LUNCH TO FAMOUS BRITISH RACING MOTORIST.

AMERICAN GOOD WILL.

London, Mar. 12. Major Malcolm Campbell, British holder of the world's motor record, was recorded a wonderful reception on his return from America.

A luncheon was given in his honour to-day at which Sir Charles Wakefield, the donor of the 1,000 guinea trophy which Major Campbell won for Great Britain, presided. There was a most representative gathering, and it was made the occasion for the expression of Anglo-American goodwill in sporting rivalry.

The American Ambassador (Mr. A. B. Houghton) in warmly congratulating Major Campbell, at the same time warned him to sleep with one eye open as America intended to wrest from him the Wakefield trophy.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, acclaimed Major Malcolm Campbell as a companion of Drake and Froisher and emphasised that he won the coveted trophy with a British engine, British tyres, British pluck and British sportsmanship.—*Reuter*.

U.S. STRIKE-BREAKER'S LAWLESSNESS.

DISGRACEFUL CONDITIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Washington, Mar. 12. Severe criticisms are contained in the report of the Senate Committee which has been investigating the situation in a section of the Pennsylvania bituminous coal district, where a bitter strike has been carried on for the past year.

The Committee describes the conditions now prevailing as a "Reign of Terror" and severely criticises present housing conditions. It goes on to speak of dastardly shooting into school-houses, of the immorality and brutality of the strike-breakers, and also of the Police employed by the mine-owners.—*Reuter's American Service*.

GRATIFYING FIGURES.

EXPORTS INCREASE WHILE IMPORTS GO DOWN.

London, Mar. 12. According to the Board of Trade returns for February, the British exports during the month show an increase of £4,500,000 compared with February last year. For the first two months of this year, the exports show an increase of over £8,500,000 compared with the first two months of 1927.

Imports for the first two months of this year shows a decrease of nearly £3,250,000 compared with the corresponding two months of last year. The returns are regarded as gratifying confirmation of the British trade revival.—*British Wireless*.

THE FLAPPER VOTE.

COMMONS SAYS YES THE FIRST TIME.

London, Mar. 12. The House of Commons passed the first reading of the Bill intitled the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill, vulgarly known as the "Flappers' Vote Bill."

The Bill gives women at the age of twenty-one a vote on the same terms as men and would enfranchise 5,250,000 more women to the electorate, which would then consist of 12,250,000 men and 14,500,000 women.—*Reuter*.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE.

The annual inspection by H.E. the Governor of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade will take place on Friday (weather permitting) at 5.15 p.m.

The inspection, it will be remembered, was postponed on Tuesday last week.

QUICKER IMPERIAL SERVICES.

WHAT NEW AIRSHIPS WILL DO.

WORLD'S BIGGEST AIR ROUTE THIS YEAR.

SEVEN DAYS TO INDIA.

London, Mar. 12. The problem which the Air Ministry were trying to solve was the vital problem of quicker Imperial communications, or how to give the Empire a physical unity that it had never before possessed, said Sir Samuel Hoare, in introducing in the House of Commons the Air Estimates for the coming financial year.

The Secretary for Air first dealt with the question of airships and commercial air services, and said that during the summer and winter of this year both new airships should be completed and doing their flying tests. This was a noteworthy event in the history of British flying and was a bold and remarkable experiment.

Where Shipping Falls.

Quicker Imperial communication was the great aim of the Air Ministry. Shipping, at least for many years to come, would not appear to be capable of solving the problems. Shipping authorities had told him that for the longer distances it would not pay them to expedite their services.

The aeroplane would be invaluable, he said, for shorter journeys, but its range and its small size must for some time to come seriously handicap it in dealing with distances involving non-stop flights of thousands of miles. The airship, on the other hand, if it could be proved safe and dependable, could fly by night and day in comfort. It would carry air mails in considerable quantity and could use the "trades" and other favourable winds, and with a range of 2,000 or 3,000 miles, need never make use of foreign territories in its journeys from one part of the Empire to another.

Three Years' Work.

There were many difficulties, but, with so much to gain, it was not only worth making the experiment, but it was incumbent upon any progressive Government to make it. Such effort they had for the last three years been attempting, and they could claim that for the first time in the history of airships they had made a concentrated attack upon all sides of the problem.

"I suppose," continued Sir Samuel Hoare, "we could probably have built both airships in little more than a year. But so anxious have we been to eliminate any avoidable risk, that we have spent the best part of three years upon research and experiment and upon an effort to harmonise the calculations of theory with the lessons of experience and experiment."

The New Airships.

"The structure of the new airships is much stronger than the structure of any of their predecessors. The fact that they are bigger than the former airships has made it possible to use stronger and heavier girders. The engines are more powerful. Every possible precaution has been taken against the danger of fire, and, in the case of the Cardington airship, we hope to have the new safeguard of heavy oil engine. The ships' wireless installation will be far more efficient than in the earlier British airships, whilst a new section of the Meteorological Department has concentrated attention upon the problems of weather warnings and the charting of the air for the main airship routes."

Weekly Service to India.

Sir Samuel Hoare said he hoped during the year to make a beginning with the biggest civil air route in the world—namely, a new agreement with the Imperial Airways Company, based upon three main conditions, namely:—

Firstly, the organisation of a weekly mail service to India, bringing Delhi within seven days and Calcutta within nine days of London.

Secondly, a subsidy to enable the Company to substitute, regularly, last week.

TERRIFIC STORM IN PACIFIC.

ANXIETY FOR BIG N.Y.K. LINER ENDED.

TWO SHIPS FOUNDER.

Tokyo, Mar. 13. The terrific storm in the Pacific off the coast of Japan on Saturday night is giving rise to further considerable anxiety for shipping. As already reported, five vessels are wrecked, while others are missing.

Uneasiness is felt regarding the N.Y.K. liner, the s.s. Shinyo Maru, well-known in Hongkong, which left Yokohama for San Francisco on Saturday, since when not a word has been heard from the vessel.

The storm was at its worst on Saturday night, and it is thought possible that the wireless apparatus on the Shinyo Maru was damaged, thus accounting for the absence of information.

Anxiety is also felt for about 20 fishing boats which, with 100 crew, have been missing off the Chiba Coast since the storm on Saturday.

At one time it was thought that the s.s. Etorofu Maru had met with disaster in the storm, but a wireless message has been received stating that she is safe. Rescue ships and aeroplanes which went out in search of two other missing vessels have returned stating that they cannot be traced. Saturday's storm was one of the worst known.—*Reuter*.

Shinyo Maru Safe.

Word has been received that the Shinyo Maru is safe. All hope for the safety of the Daiichi Maru, two vessels which "disappeared" during Saturday night's storm, has been given up as portions of floating wreckage have been discovered.

It is feared that both have foundered with all hands, totalling 61. It seems that the Daiichi Maru was proceeding to the rescue of the Koryu Maru when she met with disaster herself.

A number of other small vessels have limped into harbour during the past two days more or less damaged as the result of the storm.—*Reuter*.

WAR HOSTILITIES COMMENCE.

FENG YU-HSIANG'S ATTACK REPULSED.

FENGTIEN BARRAGE.

Peking, Mar. 12. Hostilities have broken out on the Kihnan front.

It is learned semi-officially that the Kuominchun forces are attacking with the object of crossing the Changho to the south of Tzchow, on the Kihnan Railway.

The 29th Army is stubbornly resisting the attack and a continuous barrage by the Fengtien heavy batteries has so far prevented the Kuominchun Army from achieving its objective.

It is semi-officially claimed that the Fengtien forces have the situation well in hand.—*Reuter*.

New Ally for Marshal Chiang.

Shanghai, Mar. 13. It is understood that General Chu Pei-teh, with 40,000 men, has definitely aligned himself with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter*.

GUNNERY PRACTICE.

WARNING TO SHIPPING ISSUED.

The following Notice to Mariners (No. 18 of 1928) has been issued by the Harbour Department, under date of yesterday, relative to gun practice by H.M.S. Carlisle:—

H.M.S. Carlisle will fire at targets to the northward and north-eastward of Sharp Peak (Lat. 22°26' N., Long. 114°22' E.) and subsequently carry out indirect firing practice from a position N.W. of Bluff Head (Lat. 22°30' N., Long. 114°19' E.), on Tuesday, or Wednesday, 21st inst.

TARIFF AUTONOMY ISSUE.

JAPAN OPPOSED TO INCREASE.

SAID TO FEAR EFFECT ON TRADE.

UNHEEDED PROTESTS.

Shanghai, Mar. 9. Sino-Japanese relations are again being seriously strained in several quarters, centring chiefly on China's determination to increase the tariff rates to average 12½ per cent, preparatory to the establishment of complete tariff autonomy January 1st of next year.

Leading Japanese commerce trade associations located in Osaka, Kobe and Tokyo, have passed strong resolutions calling on the Japanese Government to use every effort to prevent Chinese action on this tariff issue, which the Japanese claim will be certain to embarrass Japanese trade with China.

Basis of Protests.

The Japanese base their protests upon the fact that China is still in a disunited state, hence the increased tariff will be beneficial only to the military leaders in China, causing a worse situation in the Civil War than prevails at the present time.

However, Japan's real objections are based on the feeling that the increase in the Chinese customs duties is likely to embarrass Japanese goods by making it difficult for Japanese manufacturers to compete in the Chinese market with American, British and European concerns, which generally produce a higher type of merchandise.

The Japanese also believe that the proposed increase in China tariff is likely to cause the Chinese to begin production along lines on which the Japanese have heretofore possessed a practical monopoly.

Protests, Not Heeded.

The Chinese are not heeding the Japanese protests and are proceeding in a businesslike fashion to establish complete autonomy, China's chief incentive being to obtain increased revenues for war purpose, both in the north and south.

The Chinese Kuomintang launched a stringent boycott of Japanese concerns in the Fukien province, which is paralyzing Japanese shipping, banking and trading concerns.

The Nationalist Government officials are uncommunicative on the question of restitution but the opinion is prevalent that the Japanese are likely to adopt retaliative measures through intervention on the Shantung province border, in an attempt to block the nationalist military advance toward Peking which is now ready.

"Wild Ambitions."

The military drive northward is to be launched as soon as Spring opens in the north of China.

Hwang Fu, Nationalist Foreign Minister, issued a statement to-day to the press which says in part: "Japan entertains wild ambitions regarding China and is obviously financing Chang Tso-lin against the nationalist side, which is bound to cause increasing tension between China and Japan."—*Chicago Tribune* Correspondent.

RUBBER POLITICS.

ANY ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE WELL TIMED.

London, Mar. 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, asked to secure an interim report from the Committee of Civil Research on rubber restriction, in order to restore some measure of confidence in the industry, said he had nothing to add to a reply to a similar question last week, when he said that the sole object of the Government was the development and prosperity of the industry. Therefore, the time and manner of any announcement would be such as would best conduce to that end.—*Reuter*.

GERMAN FARMERS' DISCONTENT.

JUNKER TALK BLOODSHED AT BIG MEETING.

COLLIDE WITH POLICE.

Berlin, Mar. 12. The farmers' discontent with the high taxation and the alleged low duties on imported farm produce have culminated in big anti-Government demonstrations.

Several thousands of small landowners from various places in Brandenburg, notably Prenzlau and Neuruppin, came into collision with the Police after a particularly riotous affair.

They were dispersed after doing a little damage, principally to the windows of the local Government offices.

The discontent was accentuated by the recent meeting at which the Junkers and large landowners declared that there would be bloodshed unless the Government alleviated their "unhappy lot."

The farmers also demonstrated in the Province of Lippe, marching round the district carrying placards bearing the words: "The people have risen. The storm breaks."—*Reuter*.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY INCIDENT.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVE FINED HEAVILY.

New Delhi, Mar. 12.

A sequel to the amazing incident in the Assembly at the conclusion of the debate on the Statutory Commission headed by Sir John Simon, when an Indian newspaper reporter dropped an attack case on Sir Basil Blackett's head from the Press Gallery, is the conviction of the reporter on a charge of doing injury to a public servant.

His name is Chaman Lal and he was a reporter engaged by the *Hindustan Times*. The Court today imposed a fine of 250 rupees, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment.—*Reuter*.

TURKEY ACCEPTS AN INVITATION.

PREPARATORY DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Constantinople, Mar. 12.

The Government has decided to accept the invitation to participate in the meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Conference on Mar. 16th.

The delegation will consist of the Foreign Commissar, Tewfik Ruesdi Bey; a military adviser, and the Turkish Minister at Bern.—*Reuter*.

CAPTAIN HINKLER HONOURED.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GRANT.

London, Mar. 12.

His Majesty has awarded the Air Force Cross to Captain Bert Hinkler, the Australian flier, who made a wonderful trip from Croydon to Australia in 15 days in a light 30 h.p. aeroplane.

The Australian Commonwealth has granted £2,000 to the airman, while in addition Hinkler has received cheques of £500 and £500 raised by Australian newspapers by public subscription.—*Reuter*.

POOR WEATHER PROSPECTS.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—The anticyclone has again strengthened slightly. Strong monsoon may be expected along the South-East coast of China and over the Northern portion of the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow:—North-East winds strong, overcast, some rain, drizzle or mist.

BRITISH AIR HERO KILLED.

SHOCKING DISASTER IN RECORD ATTEMPT.

LIEUT. KINKEAD CRASHES AT TERRIFIC SPEED.

SINKS WITHOUT TRACE.

London, Mar. 12. Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead, who had been chosen from the Royal Air Force for the British attempt on the world's air speed record, was killed instantaneously to-day when the attempt was to have been made, in a terrible disaster at Calshot.

The famous airman, who did a lap of 289.76 miles an hour in the course of the Schneider Cup Race at Venice last year, met with disaster while making a test flight at full speed in a Super-Marine Napier seaplane, preparatory to attempting the new record.

The machine, a veritable bullet, had only been in the air about ten minutes when it suddenly dived into the water almost vertically from a height of 400 feet. A huge column of water spouted into the air, but neither the machine nor the pilot has been seen again.

There can be little doubt that Lieutenant Kinkead was killed instantly.—*British Wireless*.

Nose-dives From 400 feet.

Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead had been at Calshot, Southampton Water, for sometime preparing the wonderful British machine to beat the world's record.

The seaplane had been behaving splendidly in her previous spins, but soon after it started to-day, it nose-dived into the sea at terrific speed and disappeared, no trace of Kinkead or the plane being seen.

Kinkead went aloft at about 5.10 p.m. and circled several times, alighted, on the water, and then sailed again into the air with a roar.

Huge Volume of Water.

He had been flying for about ten minutes when the seaplane suddenly dived vertically sending a huge volume of water high into the air as it crashed.

Two launches and a motor-boat went at full speed to the scene of the tragedy, but could see nothing. An ambulance waited on the jetty for some time, but none who witnessed the catastrophe doubted that death must have been instantaneous.

After a Snowstorm.

Lieutenant Kinkead had been waiting the whole afternoon for a snowstorm to abate, and when finally it was decided safe to begin, he made an auspicious beginning.

At first, the machine apparently experienced difficulty in rising, but it ascended for ten minutes for a trial flight and then re-appeared on the water.

Shortly afterwards, it rose again to begin the long-prepared record flight, circled the aerodrome, and Kinkead opened his engine all out. The machine had attained a terrific speed when in the next moment, it nose-dived vertically into the water.

Transfixed With Horror.

The onlookers stood transfixed with horror, crying out "My God, he's down!"

Craft from Portsmouth and tugs raced to the scene and searched the water frantically, but only a few wood splinters marked the scene of the disaster.

From the time of striking the water like a shot from a gun not a single trace of the machine itself has been seen, though the water has been subjected to the minutest search.

It may be taken as definitely established that the famous airman was killed.—*Reuter*.

Distinguished Record.

Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead, was one of the British team which won the Schneider Cup at Venice in September last year, the others being Flight-Lieutenant Webster, the winner and Flight-Lieutenant Worsley, who was second.

Kinkead was forced to descend after completing six laps, but on one of those laps he made 289.76 miles per hour against the winner's average of 285.10 miles.

Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead was a South African, with a distinguished war record. A photograph appears on another page.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

MRS. RALPH PRESENTS THE
PRIZES.

The assembly hall at St. Joseph's College was crowded last evening on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes by Mrs. E. Ralphs. The annual report showed the year had been a successful one, and Mrs. Ralphs paid tribute to the work performed by the Director, Rev. Brother Almar, and his staff.

In addition to the distribution of prizes an excellent concert was given by the pupils, which was much enjoyed.

Among those present in addition to Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education (chairman), were Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, the Rev. Brother Visitor, Brother Paul, the Rev. G. T. Walgrave, the Very Rev. Father G. M. Spada, the Very Rev. Father Blotz, the Rev. H. Byrne, Mr. Woo Hay-tong, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Tait, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. A. Camund, Mr. H. Dixon, and Mr. Jos. Chantong.

The proceedings opened with an excellent concert, after which the Rev. Brother Director Almar read the annual report, as follows:

Mr. Wood, Mrs. Ralphs, Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the staff and students, I extend to you all a cordial welcome to the College.

Before going into the usual details of the year's work, I beg leave to read the general report of the Inspector of Schools.

Mr. Ralphs says: "The building is in every way suitable, and is kept in excellent order and condition. The serious damage caused by the storm in 1922 has at last been made good. The equipment is excellent. The Laboratories call for special mention. The staff is adequate, according to Code requirements. The College suffered a great loss in the death of the venerable Brother Joseph, for many years a highly respected member of the staff."

The increase of numbers in the Senior Classes referred to last year continues, there being now two divisions of Class 1 and three each of Classes 2, 3, and 4. This is a movement in the right direction. The discipline is excellent. The work throughout the College is very satisfactory. There is a cheerful and busy atmosphere in every class-room, and the pupils are obviously deeply interested in their studies, as they are in their sports.

The average monthly enrolment was 697, and the average daily attendance 645, i.e., 93%.

University Examinations.

All the students of Class 1 enter for the Matriculation or Senior Local Examinations. Of these 42 candidates were presented last December, and I am glad to say they achieved creditable results. Out of 31 presented for the Matriculation, 25 passed, gaining 12 distinctions; one of these in English and six in Higher Mathematics. F. A. Gill and A. M. Rodriguez especially distinguished themselves, and were included in the Honours List. A. Rodriguez qualified for the Hewitt Scholarship but did not avail himself of it because it is not tenable in the Faculty of Medicine. Eleven candidates were presented for the Senior Local and eight passed. The Montargis Matriculation Prize for French was awarded to Thavichul.

Candidates presented for the Junior Local numbered 81; 23 passed with 28 distinctions, four of these in English, eight in arithmetic, and three in physics. The Montargis Junior Local Prize for French was awarded to A. Thomas. Seven of the Matriculation candidates are now pursuing their studies in the University. We wish them every success in their future careers.

Old Boys.

Last December, the University conferred the B. Sc. degree on Ignatius Tang See Ming and Mak Chun Poy; Luke Tang Yee Yuen was one of the Medical graduates. We congratulate these former pupils and wish them every success in life.

We consider it a duty to follow the careers of our old boys and to give them all the encouragement and assistance in our power. With a view to realising this ideal and of keeping in touch with them, a meeting of the University students who have received their early education in our schools and colleges was recently called. The response was most satisfactory. Thirty students attended; the outlines of an association were discussed, and a committee appointed to go into details. We are quite confident that the older pupils who already hold honourable and responsible positions will be pleased to help us by taking part in the debates, lectures

and other activities which enter into the plans of the proposed association.

School Examinations.

A total of 75 boys were promoted from Class 3 to Class 2 on the results of the annual examination held by the school authorities. 37 failed. At the re-opening on the 9th January, 107 new boys were admitted to Classes 8 and 7. Only a few out of a large number of applicants could be admitted to the other classes. The great majority of our boys go right through the school course, and very few vacancies occur during the year. I would therefore ask the parents to note that it is practically impossible to find accommodation in any class after the yearly promotions have taken place. This year the University and School Examinations will be held in November and the first term will commence on the 1st December.

Kowloon Junior School.

Boys attending our Junior School in Chatham Road number 123. Their progress has been satisfactory, as shown by the report of the Inspector of Schools. The additional English Master recommended last year has been provided.

There were 23 boys transferred to the Senior School, Hongkong. We hope that two or three of them will be successful in the Branch School which will be an accomplished fact.

Medical Inspection.

The Medical Officer for Schools visited the College on the 13th December and found the dormitories, washrooms and sanitary premises in good order. Dr. Minett remarked that the school gives a good mid-day meal which many of the boys take, but a very large number buy from the tuck shop. Anything in the direction of changing the mid-day "snack" for a more nourishing bowl of soup or food is good work for the health and growth of these boys.

Sports.

For the third year in succession our boys won the Governor's Shield at the Inter-School Sports. They also won the Junior and Senior Team Races. We had two teams in the Hongkong Football Junior League. Our second eleven carried off the cup of the B Division.

Scouts and Ambulance.

The College Boy Scout Troop and St. John Ambulance Division are doing well. The new members are in earnest about their training. We expect them to give a good account of themselves this year and to be up to the mark in discipline and efficiency.

Religious and Moral.

Great as our success may be in examinations, athletics and other activities we should consider ourselves as having worked in vain did we fail in the end our Founder had in establishing the Brotherhood, viz. the religious and moral training of our pupils. For this purpose we give a Christian education, and Christian education is a term which explains itself. It is the up-bringing of the child according to the principles introduced into the world by Jesus Christ—the sublimest of all teachers. He summed up the matter for all time when He said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and for such is the Kingdom of God." That sentence is a perpetual reminder of our task which is to instill into the minds and hearts of our pupils respect for lawful authority, love of truth and reverence for duty, in accordance with the rules and maxims of the Gospel, learn their lessons, perform their tasks, and then depart not the same children, but changed because of the training received. Those children will become the family, the state, and the nation, and as they are, so will these communities be. Hence the greatness of the work which teachers devote their lives and the overwhelming faith we have in the importance of that work as the Vice-Chancellor of the University put it in his address in this hall last year.

In this connection, I am pleased to be able to record that St. Joseph's has responded well to our call for recruits. Some of our former pupils are now doing very good work as Brothers; some are going through their course of training in Penang. We are very grateful to the parents of these boys for their noble generosity in allowing them to respond to their sublime vocation. We hope they will have many imitators.

Rev. Father Chantong and Riganti continue to minister assiduously to the spiritual wants of our pupils and in September last, Rev. Fr. Byrne, S. J. conducted a spiritual Three-day Retreat for the benefit of our 400 Catholic boys.

Generous Benefactor.

In the name of the College and in the name of all the students who will

benefit by the generosity of Mr. Woo Hay Tong, I beg to tender to him our most sincere thanks. Mr. Woo Hay Tong guarantees a sum of \$1,800 annually towards the award of 30 scholarships, each of the value of \$60 a year. These scholarships will be tenable for 3 years and awarded to Class 4 students on the results of the annual examination. Through the bounty of their benefactor, 30 boys will be getting a free education during the last three years of their school course.

Before concluding, I must express my best thanks to our benefactors, to His Lordship the Bishop, and to those who have contributed to our prize fund to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Hongkong Benevolent Society who pay the fees of some of our boys and supply them with books.

I beg Rev. Fr. Riganti to accept my sincere thanks for training the boys to sing on this occasion and for his kind assistance on many occasions during the year.

It now remains for me to thank you, Mr. Wood, and to thank Mrs. Ralphs, who have contributed to our prize fund and to those gentlemen who have honoured us by their presence to-day.

Mrs. Ralphs' Speech.

After distributing the prizes, Mrs. Ralphs expressed her pleasure at their asking her to officiate. It was, she said, an honour which she appreciated.

Referring to the prize-winners, she said she knew the successful scholars had attained their success through hours and hours of hard work, both on their own part and on the part of their masters. Many people, perhaps, did not realise the tremendous amount of spare work that had been put in to gain such splendid results, and she sincerely congratulated the successful pupils. They had reason to feel that they were students of no mean college.

A little while before she went away, eight years ago, St. Joseph's was not in its present beautiful position, neither had it a hall like the one in which they were gathered. It was a revelation to her because she did not know that the college was on such a splendid site and that they had so many fine rooms. "I congratulate you very much indeed."

She said she wished to remind those who had not been successful that to fail only meant to try them must try again. If a pupil failed it did not mean that he had really failed if he tried his best. She was sure those who had borne their blushing honours must be a shining example to those who had not done so well.

Mrs. Ralphs went on to speak of the work performed by Brother Almar and the staff. Brother Almar, she said, had seen many fine branches bloom who had had the privilege of going through the school would all keep his good example before them, and when they found their vocations they would look back to their school days and find inspiration from thinking of the hard work of Brother Almar and his staff.

Mr. Cheung Wing-yau then presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Ralphs.

The full pass list was as follows: Matriculation.

Honours:—F. A. Gill, (Dist. Mathematics, Higher Mathematics and Trigonometry). A. M. Rodriguez, (Dist. Higher Mathematics and Trigonometry).

Pass List:—G. A. Agabeg, (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), R. E. Alvarez, (Dist. English), P. V. Botelho, Y. A. Chan Wai, R. U. Danenberg, S. E. Edgar, C. A. Figueiredo, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), J. B. Gonsalves, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), J. J. Gutierrez, Khaw Eng-long, Lam Tran-chau, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), Leung Oi-chun, H. J. Noronha, O. M. Omar, D. dos Remedios, (Dist. Higher Mathematics), P. F. Rozario, Tam Heung-shing, (Dist. Mechanics), T. Thavichul, G. F. Victor, P. A. Xavier, and Yan Shu-fan.

The Senior Local.

R. Castro, H. F. Gonsalves, L. G. Marques, Shum Ip-kwong, Wong Chok-kang, E. Blanco, A. M. da Silva, and J. A. dos Remedios.

Junior Local.

E. Abraham (Dist. English), C. Barrios (Dist. English, Arithmetic and Spanish), Chao Fo-yung (Dist. Arithmetic), Chao Chuan (Dist. Arithmetic), Cheung Shui-lung (Dist. Arithmetic), M. Cheung Wing-yau, Chao Wing-ki (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), Ho Siu-um (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics), G. A. Gordon, M. M. Gutierrez (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), Leung Chew-pak, M. H. Murphy (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French, Physics, and Mathematics), Pang Kam-yung, J. C. Quincey, and G. H. V. Ribeiro (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), C. F. Rozario, A. Thomas (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French,

and Mathematics), C. Victor (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), H. Wing Lee (Dist. Mathematics and Biblical Knowledge), Woo Pak-chuen (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, and Mathematics), C. M. Xavier (Dist. Biblical Knowledge), J. M. Xavier, Chin Su-hong.

Prize Winners.

Matriculation Classes:—Biblical Knowledge, 1st G. Agabeg, (Rev. Br. Visitor's Prize), 2nd H. Gonsalves. English Grammar and Composition, 1st Renato Alvarez, (Bellios Scholarship), 2nd A. Rodriguez, (Woo Hay Tong Scholarship). English Literature, 1st Thavi Thavichul, 2nd Peter Rozario. Arithmetic, 1st L. Tran Chau, 2nd A. Rodriguez and F. Gill. Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, 1st F. Gill, (Edgar Brothers Scholarship), 2nd A. Rodriguez. Physics and Chemistry, Leung Oi-chun, (Simon Tse-Yan Scholarship). Chinese, 1st Leung Oi-chun (Li Shek-pang Gold Medal). French, 1st Thavi Thavichul, (Montargis Prize), 2nd Li Chai-chau. Portuguese, 1st Renato Alvarez. Higher Mathematics, 1st A. Rodriguez, 2nd F. Gill. English History, 1st Henry J. Noronha, 2nd F. Gill. Geography, 1st Leung Oi-chun, 2nd K. Eng Long. Mechanics, 1st Tam Heung-shing, 2nd F. Gill. Junior Classes: Biblical Knowledge, 1st C. Victor, 2nd Harold W. Lee, 3rd Leo Chao. English, 1st E. Abraham, (Junior Bellios Scholarship), 2nd A. Thomas, 3rd M. Murphy. Arithmetic, 1st W. Pak Chuen, H. Siu-um and C. Pao Yung. Geography, 1st A. Thomas. English History, 1st M. Murphy and G. Victor. Mathematics, 1st M. Murphy (Br. Peter's Memorial School), 2nd H. Wing Lee and Woo Pak-chuen. Drawing, 1st J. C. Quincey, 2nd M. C. Wing Yau, 3rd C. Pao Yung. Book-keeping, 1st H. Siu-um, 2nd J. M. Xavier. Physics, 1st M. Murphy, 2nd W. Pak Chuen, 3rd H. Siu-um. Chemistry, 1st W. Pak Chuen, 2nd M. Murphy, 3rd A. Thomas. French, 1st A. Thomas (Montargis Junior Local Prize). Chinese, 1st Ho Siu-um, 2nd Pang Kam-yung. Portuguese, 1st G. Remedios (Portuguese Consul General's Prize). Mechanics, 1st Chao Pao-yung. Class 3A:—1st A. Wong (Lugard Scholarship), 2nd A. Rosario, 3rd J. Remedios, 4th A. Chan, 5th E. Gorman, 6th C. Abbas, 7th T. Barreiro, 8th H. Do Silva. Class 3B:—1st Germano Ribeiro, (Old Boys Scholarship), 2nd Carlos Xavier, 3rd Gustavo Ribeiro, 4th G. Castro, 5th J. Gutierrez, 6th G. Noronha, 7th George Yeung, 8th G. Gutierrez. Class 3C:—1st Woo Pak-foo, (Old Boys Scholarship), 2nd Chow Hin-yan, 3rd Lino Shih-yuan, 4th Lum Yung-nai, 5th Kwok Ku-chang, 6th Chow Yau-chung, 7th Law Kit-wai, 8th Ling Kwok-yin. Class 4A:—1st F. Rozario, 2nd E. Figueiredo, 3rd G. Remedios, 4th L. Silva, 5th A. Lazaro, 6th H. Johnson, 7th Leo Yui, 8th Leo Chao, 9th Yung-nai, 10th Yuen Tat-lai, 11th Wong Dik-sing, 12th George Lenz, 13th Wong C. Kwong, 14th H. Ozorio, 15th K. S. Yuen, 16th J. Remedios, 17th R. Laurel. Class 4C:—1st Cheung Man-peng, 2nd Wong Ho-lap, 3rd Wong Nai-shing, 4th Leung Chee-ming, 5th Ng Kong-chee, 6th Yuen Tat-lai, 7th Chao Kin-wai, 8th Chan Chiu-kit. Class 5A:—1st C. Wing-lee, 2nd A. Cordello, 3rd A. Williams, 4th L. O'Sullivan, 5th David Fung, 6th L. Silva, 7th A. N. da Silva, 8th C. Ghafur. Class 5B:—1st Ho Shui-lai, 2nd Lau Wing-kwong, 3rd Ho Hong-kwong, 4th Li Yook-yin, 5th Chow Di-chung, 6th Chin King-yung, 7th Leung Li-kai, 8th Chin Tat-yung. Class 6A:—1st H. Gutierrez, 2nd E. Souza, 3rd G. Souza, 4th G. Abraham, 5th A. Elms, 6th T. Jeffrey, 7th W. Lee, 8th J. Brewer. Class 6B:—1st Mok Kai-yee, 2nd Sun Kai-yin, 3rd Mok Kai-lam, 4th Li Fuk-shu, 5th S. Yui, 6th Fung Cheuk-yin, 7th Mok Hin-bun, 8th Li Chok-lai. Class 7A:—1st Leonard Sanh, 2nd Marcos Tavares, 3rd James Hunt, 4th Yuen Hoi-yuen, 5th William Sprinkle, 6th Li Ching, 7th Saturnino Parin, 8th Tony Alves. Class 7B:—1st Wong Shiu-kong, 2nd Pang Chi-pui, 3rd Leo Hong-chiu, 4th Chan Man-yuen, 5th Chan Hon-nai, 6th Young Tse-hong, 7th Chan Yin-cheong, 8th Chan Sheong-chi. Class 8A:—1st K. Carroll, 2nd E. Abbas, 3rd G. T. Vas, 4th C. L. Chang, 5th E. Sequeira, 6th S. S. Ching, 7th C. H. Kwang, 8th C. Remedios. (Continued on Page 13.)

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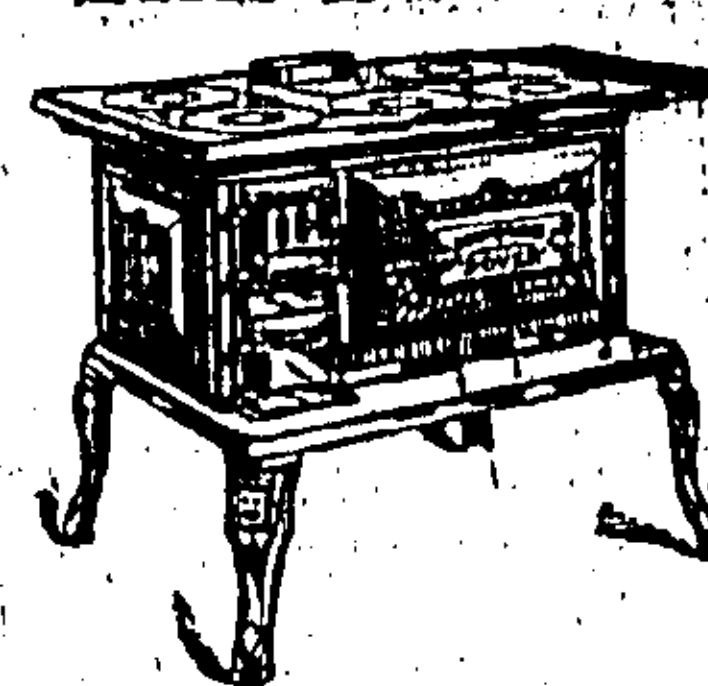
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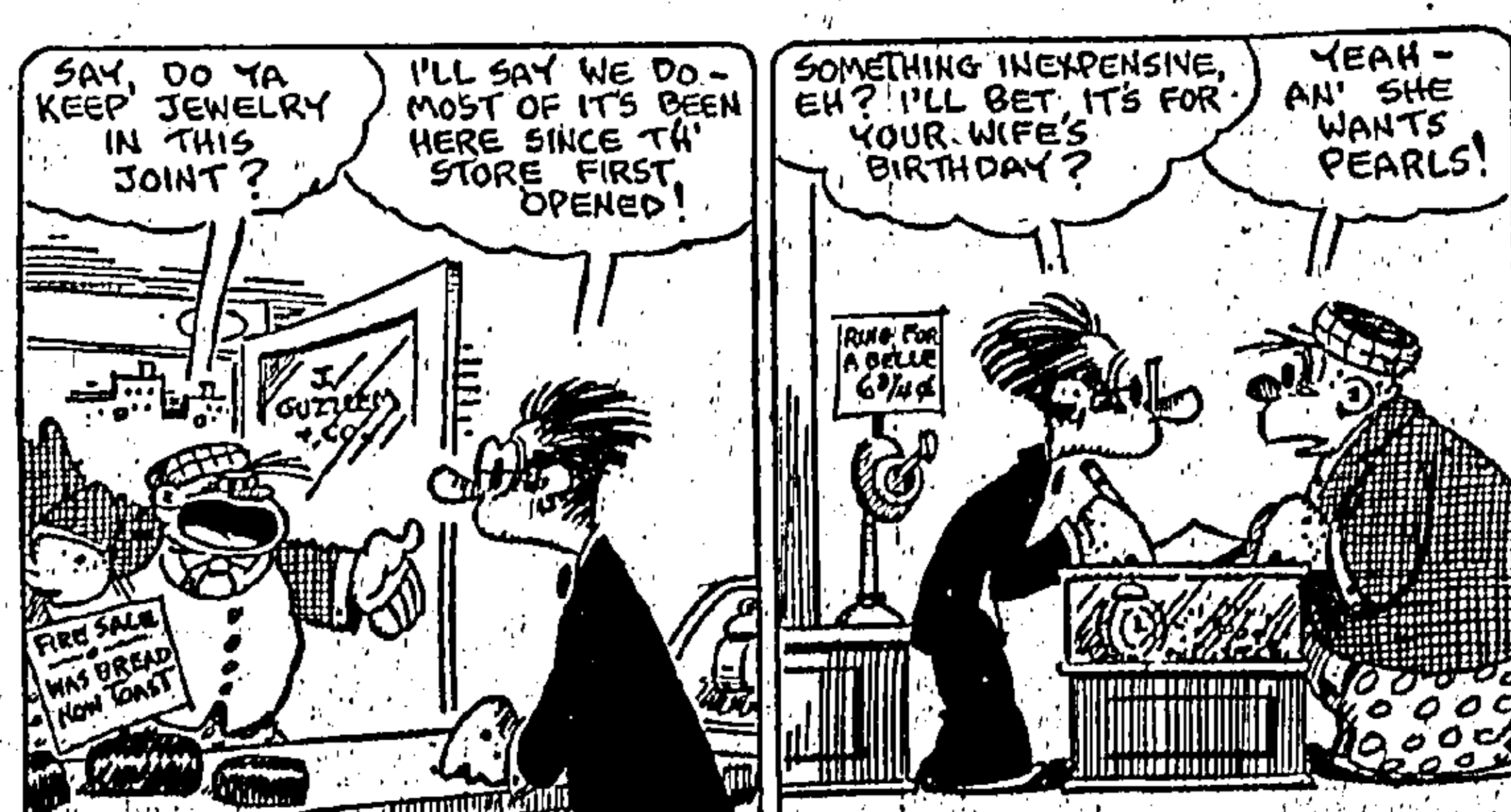
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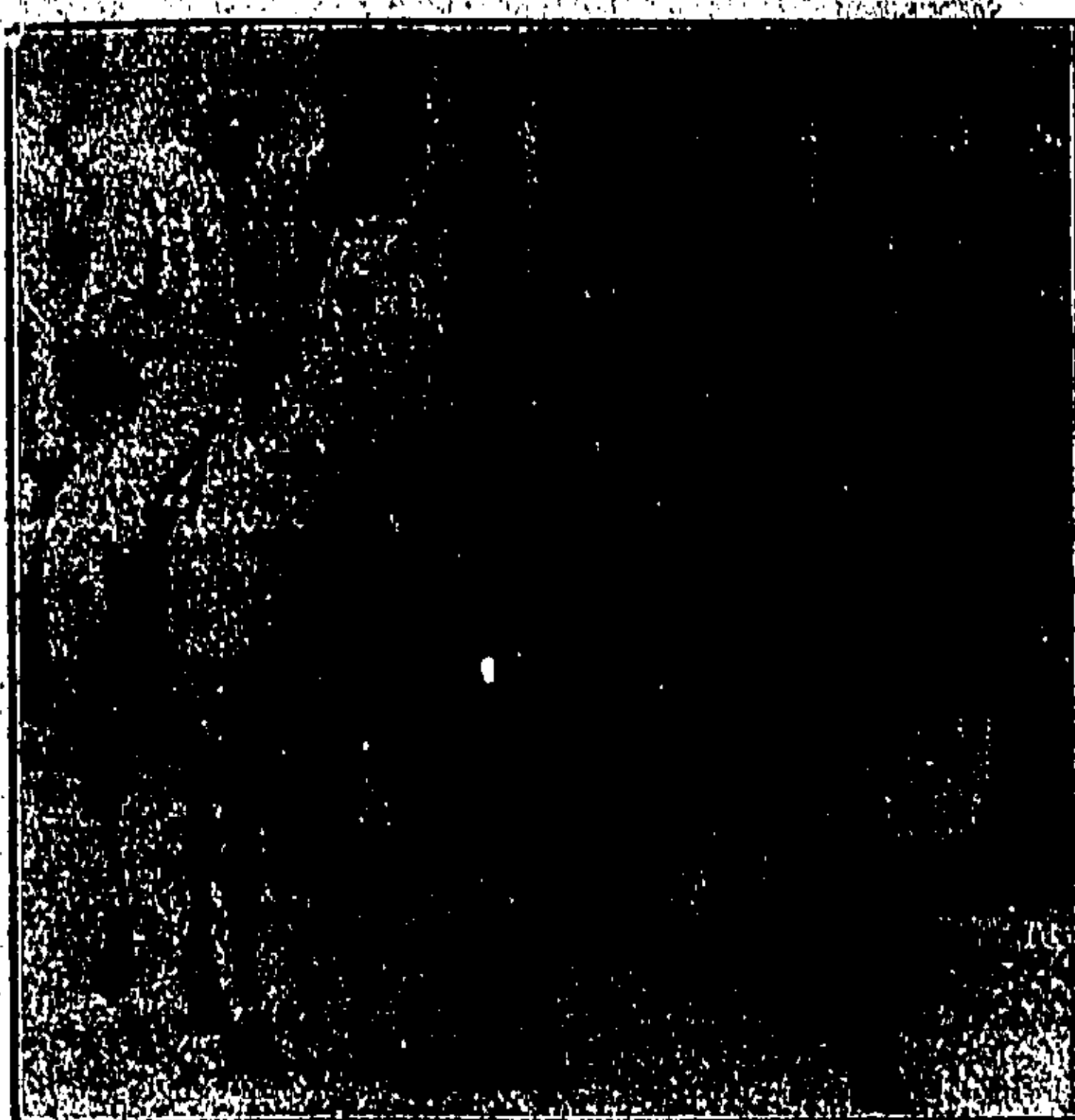


By Small





The Lying-in-State of Lord Haig in St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, with a guard mounted by the 2nd. Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. The burial took place at Dryburgh Abbey on February 6. (Times copyright).



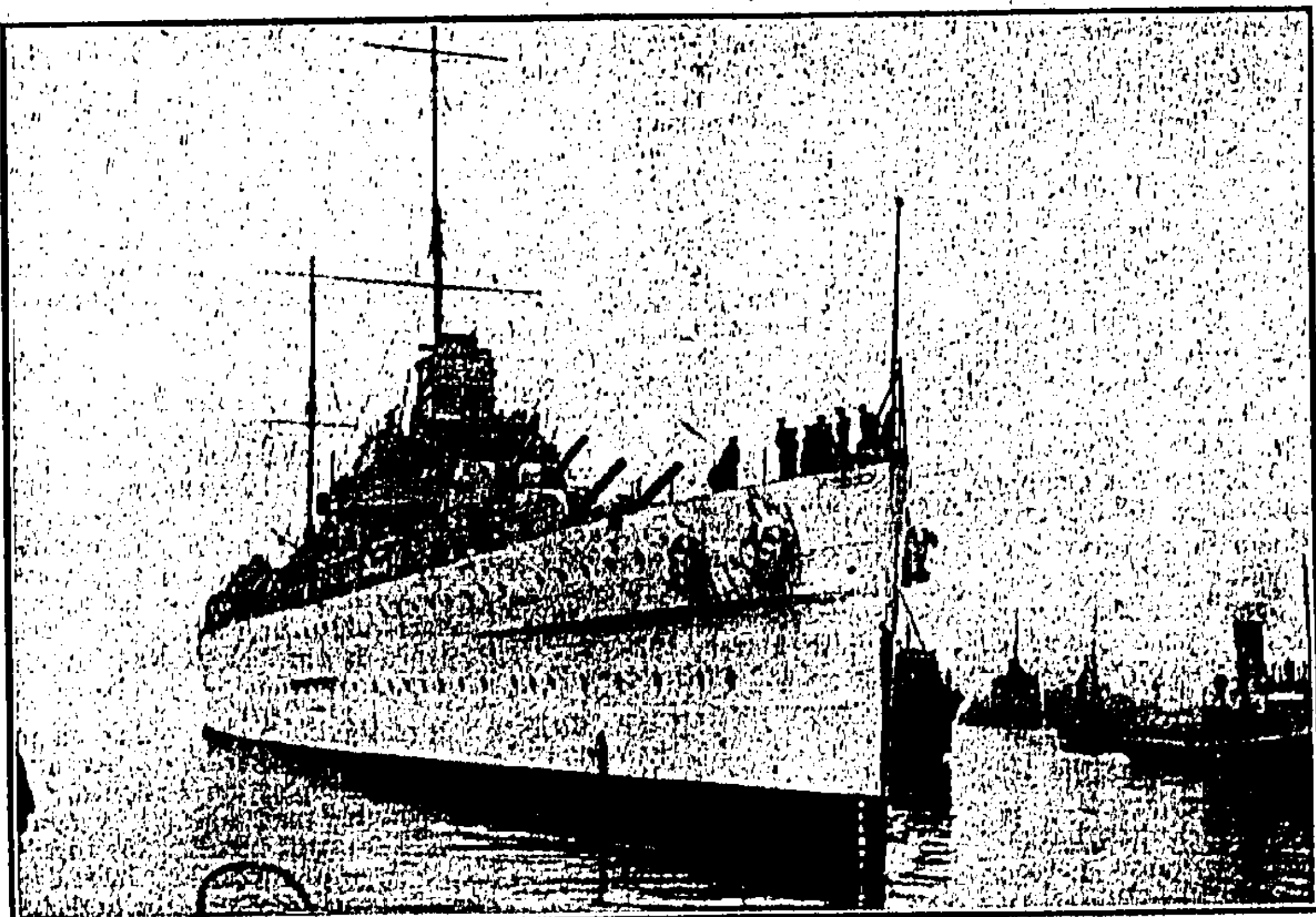
Master "Timmy" Lester with his father, Mr. H. W. Lester, leading in Tipflight, which run third in the Tally Ho Cup at the Shanghai Hunt Races.



A shooting trip of five days was undertaken in the neighbourhood of Ningpo at Chinese New Year by Dr. Worth, Dr. Latimer, Rev. Moffett, Rev. Hale, Rev. McNeil Potat and Mr. J. Latimer, Jnr. who went down from Shanghai as guests of Mr. C. H. Barlow. The bag which is shown above, consisted of 50 duck, 28 geese, 1 deer, as well as pheasants and woodcocks.



The Duchess of Brabant performing the naming ceremony of the Princess Astrid, the aeroplane in which three Belgian airmen are to fly from Brussels to Leopoldville. (Times copyright).



H. M. S. Cumberland, the first of first new cruisers for the China Squadron, which arrived in Hongkong yesterday. She is of 10,000 tons and carries eight 8-inch guns.



A small temple shrine in Chochow destroyed by heavy gun bombardment in the 86 days' siege of that city. Notice the fallen idol. The Salvation Army is feeding the starving here, to the number of two to three thousand daily.



Photo taken upon the occasion of a visit to the garrison quarters of the U. S. Marines at Peking of the commanders of other foreign forces. - From left to right are the commanders of the French, Japanese, American, British and Italian forces.

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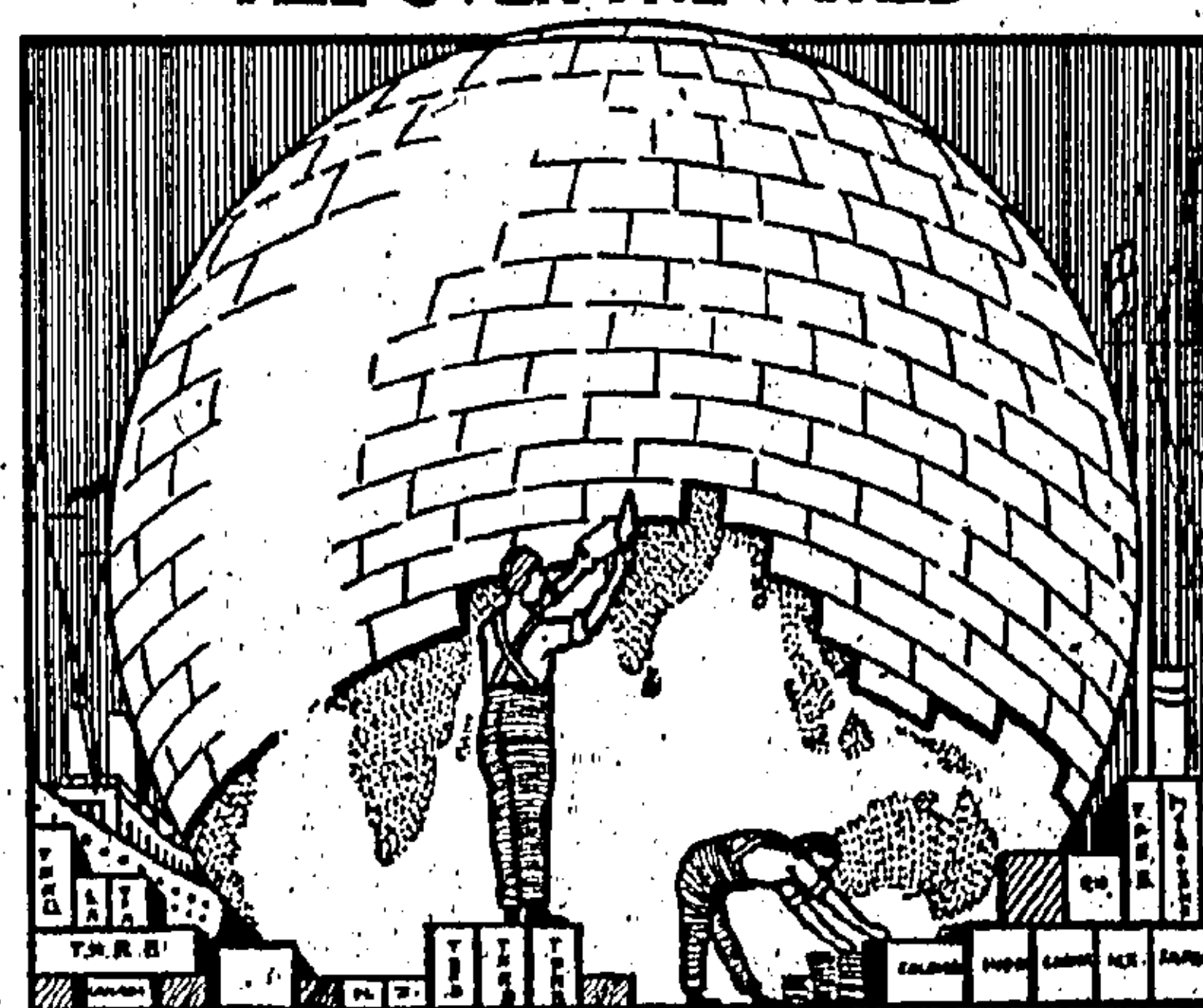
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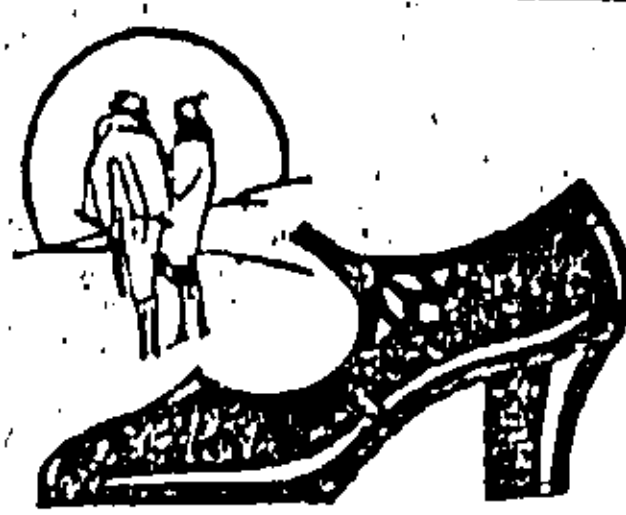
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CINEMA NOTES.

"THE DEMI-BRIDE" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Demi Bride," starring Norma Shearer, proves to be one of the really first-class comedies of the year. The picture opened at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and has been greeted by full houses. Although Miss Shearer has appeared in a wide range of roles during her screen career, it is probably safe to say that the utter lack of sophistication in this one, her latest, seems more suited to her than some of the others in which she has appeared. The picture opens with Norma as a student at a French boarding school and keeps her as a naive and almost childlike person throughout. Low Cody is excellent as the gay young bachelor of Paris whose heart is captured by the school girl who outwits more worldly women. Carmel Myers handles the role of the stepmother in a very satisfactory manner, while Dorothy Sebastian adds quite a number of laughs and suspense to the picture. "The Demi Bride" will be shown to-day for the last time.

World Theatre.

"Stella Dallas," a remarkable picture in many ways, will be seen at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The story deals with the life of one young girl of to-day, and it is typical of thousands whose habits are within the knowledge of everyone. Ronald Colman, who has endeared himself to film fans for his work in "Beau Geste" and "The Magic Flame," once more does some wonderful acting in this unusual picture, which was written by Olive Higgins Prouty and directed by Henry King. Playing opposite Ronald Colman is Belle Bennett who is Stella Dallas in the picture. Others in the large cast include Alice Joyce, Henry Herriott, the great character actor, Lois Moran, and Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

Star Theatre.

Something which is entirely different in the way of underworld mystery dramas is to be seen in "The Unholy Three," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day. The story concerns the adventures of criminals who leave a freak show and during their operations give rise to a romance that leads to a great quantity of colour to the plot. "The Unholy Three" is a film adaptation of C. A. Robbin's story and has a peculiar twist that has never before been introduced into this type of picture. Lon Chaney gives a wonderful interpretation of a dwarf, while Mac Busch plays the part of an Irish girl who is in league with the gang. Victor MacLaglen, star of "What Price Glory," is also given a prominent role. Lovers of mystery stories should not hesitate to see this unusual picture.

JAPAN'S SORROW.

LAST RESPECTS TO INFANT PRINCESS.

Tokyo, Mar. 8.
 Hundreds of school girls paid their respects to-day to Princess Hara, infant daughter of Emperor Hirohito, who died yesterday. Gathering outside Akasaka Palace, where the body of the Princess reposed, they said a silent prayer for the infant. After the obsequies they passed on.

Their example was followed by thousands of citizens throughout the day. The funeral will be held on March 13.

The sum of £91,400 had been received at the end of last year towards the £100,000 required for the provision of 25 churches in the Diocese of Southwark. It is hoped that the remaining £8,600 will be raised during the current year.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

London Gossip.

[By Joan.]

Feb. 7.
 The clothes which Princess Mary is taking with her to Egypt, and of the simplest order, little frocks and suits of linen and fine material and shady hats, such as any ordinary English lady packs into her trunks when she goes East for the Egyptian season.

Not a Fashion Leader.

No tremendous fashion secrets are revealed by the clothes which Princess Mary is taking with her. Neither will they command the attention of the crowd by reason of their Royal impressiveness, since State attire will not be required by the Princess for this purely personal holiday. Nevertheless, the simplicity of Princess Mary's clothes will have an undoubted influence upon the fashions for the spring season, which is likely to be the most brilliant which Egypt has known for years.

Society Will be There.

Already many notable Society people have arranged to be in Egypt when Princess Mary is there, and some have actually begun their Eastern holidays. Lady Louis Mountbatten may, I hear, go to Cairo from her home at Malta for a couple of weeks in March, while Lord and Lady Portman, just before they left England for the Continent a few days ago, were planning to go to Egypt via the South of France.

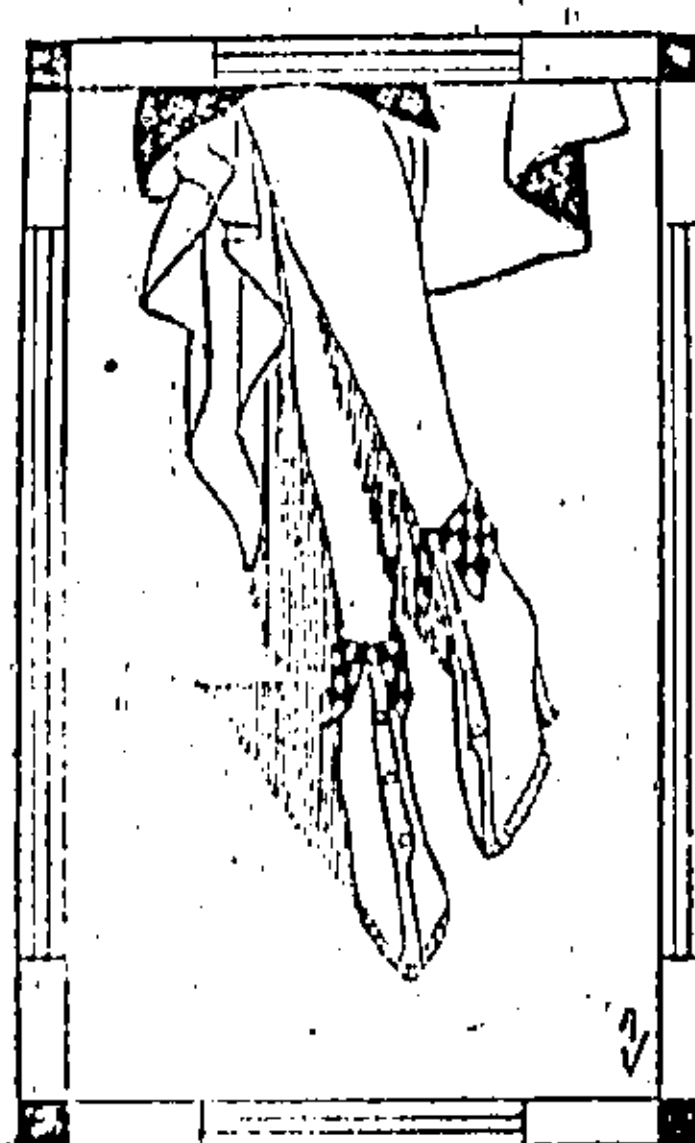
Lord and Lady Huntly are leaving town for Egypt quite soon, and Lady Headfort, with Lady Millicent Taylor, are already there.

Lord and Lady Dufferin, with their daughter, will be among others enjoying the spring season, and there is every probability that the Countess of Malmesbury, who has gone to Italy for a stay, may go on to the East.

The King's Grandson.

Princess Mary's elder son is wint another little boy calls "two times excited" to-day. He hopes to have the thrill of seeing his Royal grandparents, in their fairy like coach, going in great state to the opening of Parliament. Also it is his fifth birthday. Master George Lascelles, like other five-year-olds of lesser importance, is also celebrating his birthday.

Shoe Gloves.



Completing the ensemble in colour and giving a "well-turned ankle" appearance to their wearers are the new buttoned "shoe gloves" of rubber.

Designs for Frocks.

EXOTIC PICTURES IN RIBBON.

A leading Society woman has lately been wearing a striking evening wrap of grape bloom purple velvet, lined with gold.

Made of Bark.



Pictured here is a wrapper of tapa cloth, which is made by soaking the bark of trees in water, then laying it on a rock and beating it with stones until it becomes a fiber. The product is Hawaiian.

time, fur collared, and with very large bishop's sleeves. On the right sleeve is embroidered a dragon like creature covering the whole of the sleeve and made from rich coloured ribbons.

Ribbon embroidery is appearing on a good many clothes. A black georgette dress for a dance relied entirely on ribbon for its attraction. Rows of narrow ribbon were ruched round the skirt in scallops, which twisted into "roses" at intervals. The effect was charming.

For embroidery, ribbon of all sorts and widths is used, and the designs vary from exotic huge pictures to little sprays of roses and similar flowers made from baby ribbons.

portance, has no doubt as to which of the two events take primary place. Indeed, it is quite likely that he will regard the wonderful State procession to Westminster as being a bit of extra birthday pagantry.

Coloured Cars.

If you see a crowd outside a house or shop examining with interest a wonderful motor-car, you may be pretty sure it belongs to the Hon. David Tennant, who must have a perfect fleet of gaily coloured cars.

I have seen him in a grey car, a

Vague Young People.

[By An Irritated Elder.]

"Oh, she had on a sort of brown hat or something," I heard a girl say the other day.

I, for one, find this vagueness a little irritating. For it is pure affectation—a mannerism deliberately copied like a fashion in shoes, only infinitely more foolish. The girl I have quoted knew perfectly well that the other woman's hat was a hat. Why, then, the phrase "a sort of"? She knew equally well that it was brown. Why, then, the qualification "or something," as if the hat might easily have turned out to be a turban or a fez or a pink rabbit?

One finds the same tendency revealed by the use of words like "vaguely." Ask a young person whether he or she liked a play or a book or a person, and it is only too probable that the reply will be "Oh, vaguely." And a question to which every child should know the answer brings, "Oh, I haven't the vaguest."

So loose has speech become that one adjective, unsupported, is regarded as weak and unconvincing. Hence we have "definitely amusing" or "definitely bad."

The "definitely" means nothing. Either, in the speaker's opinion, the thing is amusing or it is not. The extra word is like raising one's voice in an argument—a sign of weakness and lack of conviction. Did not that sardonic American Ambrose Bierce once define "positive" as:

"ADJ.: Mistaken at the top of one's voice."

Analyze the thought processes behind these slovenly mannerisms and you will find that they are all due to lack of precision of thought—surely one of the chief characteristics of this age. Young people are too lazy to think things out and decide exactly what they really do mean, so they either bluff or evade the issue. If they suspect that they are wrong they qualify their opinion with "vaguely." If they believe they are right, but are not quite sure, they bolster up their statement with "definitely."

It is all, I think, very loose and to use an ugly word, sloppy.

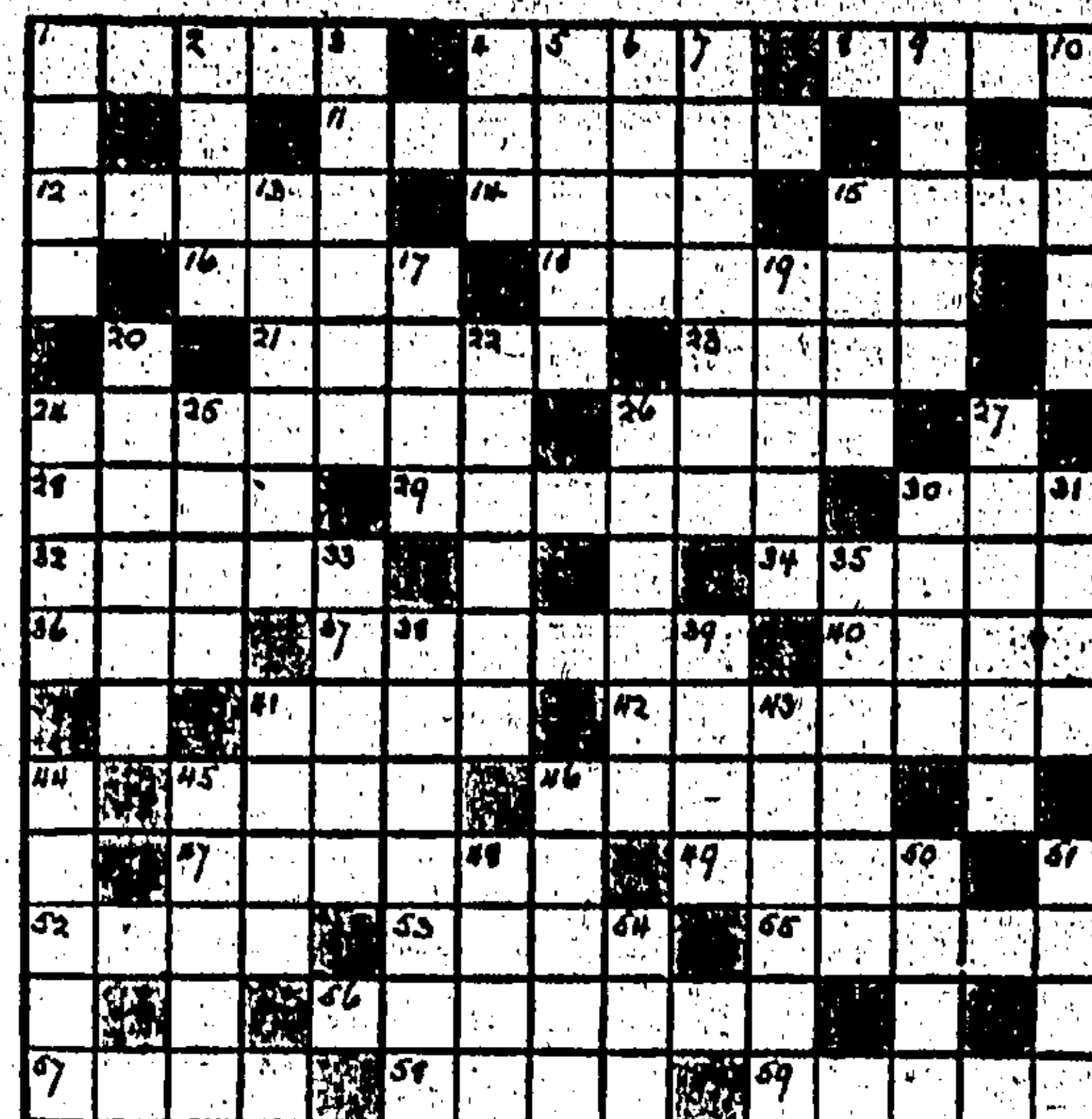
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 16 Slang.
 18 Lottered.
 21 Female relative.
 23 Stimulate.
 24 Thin plate of metal with perforated pattern.
 26 Inclination.
 28 Figure on an escutcheon.
 29 Fruit resembling an orange (plur).
 30 Pronoun.
 32 Given medicine to.
 34 Tablet for writing upon.
 36 Alcoholic beverage.
 37 Misty.
 40 Continued gnawing pain.
 41 Girl.
 42 Popular sport.
 46 Seeds of certain plants.
 46 Line to hold in a hawk.
 47 Part of a garment.
 48 Made a current of air.
 52 Eatable flesh.
 53 Place for skating.
 55 Pertaining to ash.
 56 Position.
 57 Ponderous volume.
 58 Oblong hole in metal.
 59 Pop.

Down.

- 1 Lethargy.
 2 Reluctant.
 3 Pertaining to the maple.
 4 Move swiftly.
 5 Anoint with extreme unction (Shak).
 6 Porch.
 7 Swimming bird allied to the auk.

- 9 Swedish turnip.
 10 Barn.
 13 Wife of a rajah.
 15 Wooden pins.
 17 Linen tree.
 19 Herbage.
 20 Ramble idly.
 22 Purifies.
 24 Protoxide of sodium.
 25 Otherwise.
 26 Corset.
 27 Each of two.
 30 Notch.
 31 Come face to face with.
 32 Cover with clothing.
 35 Negligence (law).
 38 Affirms positively.
 39 Brownish-yellow colour.
 41 A song.
 43 Land surrounded by water.
 44 Celestial body.
 45 Sacred hymn.
 46 Perform slowly (Mus).
 48 Small glass bottle.
 49 At what time.
 51 Malice.
 54 An outfit.

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HOW THE STATES ARE VOTING.

New York, Mar. 6.

The South Dakota Democratic state convention to-night named Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, as its preference for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Governor Smith received the endorsement after a close race with Senator Walsh of Montana, Smith obtaining 43,876 votes and Walsh, 43,213.

Governor Dan Moody, of Texas, was unanimously endorsed as Governor Smith's running mate. South Dakota Republicans, meeting at the same time, endorsed former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, for the Republican nomination.

Vice President Dawes was unanimously endorsed for the vice presidential nomination after the receipt of a telegram from Senator Norbeck, of South Dakota, asking that his (Norbeck's) name be withdrawn from consideration. The Republican state convention at Wichita, Kansas, to-day unanimously endorsed Senator Curtis, of Kansas, for the Republican presidential nomination. The convention instructed its seven delegates-at-large to vote for his nomination.

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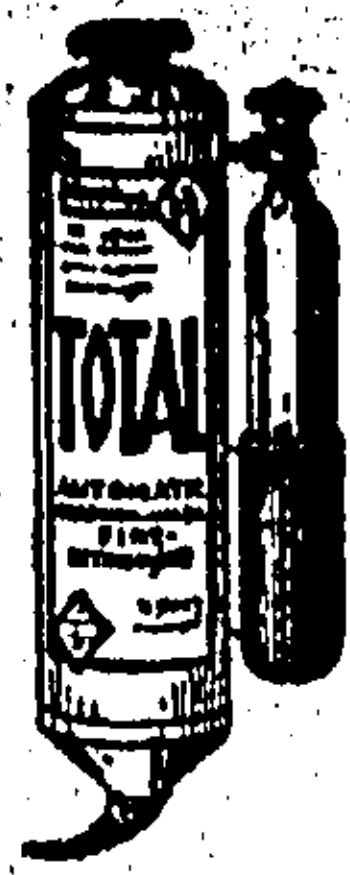
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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1928

HONGKONG-CANTON
AVIATION.

In his speech to members of the Canton General Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night, Sir Cecil Clementi came to grips with practical issues when he outlined the three essential factors to commercial prosperity in South China. These he gave as security, communications, and reasonable taxation. Named in their due and proper order, the necessities could not be more succinctly stated. We have already commented on the prime importance of security and have also touched upon the value of better co-operated railway services. On the question of taxation, His Excellency's examples of the excessive burdens which manufacturers, merchants, and dealers have been called upon to bear were very much to the point, and we should welcome any movement in the direction of relieving commerce of the unjust and illegal imposts which pirates and bandits have been in the habit of imposing on goods in transit. This is a big evil, reacting with disastrous effects on costs to the consumer, and it is reassuring to learn that Marshal Li's Government is alive to the seriousness of the situation in this regard.

Let us look for a moment or two at the suggestion which His Excellency threw out with regard to the development of commercial aviation in South China. Here, fortunately, there are no big obstacles in the way of progress. There are, as Sir Cecil Clementi pointed out, aerodromes both in Canton and in Hongkong, and it ought to be a relatively easy matter to establish an Anglo-Chinese Company for the purpose of maintaining regular aerial services between this Colony and the main cities of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The value to business men of such a development was well illustrated by His Excellency when he pointed out that the trip to Canton could be made in an hour, with the result that a Hongkong merchant could spend the day there, transact his business and return here in the evening. With more frequent services, of course, the morning could be set apart for business in Hongkong and the afternoon allotted to Canton, or vice versa. What this would mean in improving the com-

mercial contact between the two places can easily be imagined. When Mr. Vaughan Fowler gave his recent address in Hongkong on commercial possibilities in the East, he was able to show the tremendous saving in time which would result from a series of services linking up the main business centres of the Orient, citing, as one case in point, that Hankow could be reached from Hongkong in seven hours at rates of travel cheaper than by any existing means of transport. In the case of Hongkong and Canton, of course, the question of cost is not a big factor; the rapid means of communication is the principal attraction. The flights could be easily accomplished, without risk, and, even apart from purely business reasons, pleasure flights would no doubt make a considerable appeal.

In the past, the troubled political state of Canton has rendered the establishment of aerial intercourse between that city and Hongkong impossible, whilst even at this end the facilities have not been available. Now, however, with Kwangtung settling down to peace and order, and Hongkong in possession of an aerodrome which is to be developed on comprehensive lines, there is no obstacle in the way of inaugurating much-needed services. All that is now required is a demonstration of enterprise by the formation of a well-organised company, for which support ought to be readily forthcoming. We therefore trust that the suggestion thrown out by H. E. the Governor will bear fruit, and that commercial aviation between this Colony and Canton will soon be initiated, to the mutual benefit of both centres.

King Amanullah's Visit.

British hospitality is a byword when a notable personage visits the shores of "our tight little island," and the King and Queen of Afghanistan will find on their official State Visit commencing to-day that no effort has been spared to ensure their complete comfort and interest. Even before King Amanullah sets foot at Dover, the first evidences of British welcome will be seen in an escort of destroyers and planes, and the Prince of Wales will personally be at Dover to greet Britain's guests. Viscount Allenby, heads the special British suite which will be attached to the royal visitors, and the King and Queen will greet their arrival at Victoria. An endless round of entertainment from State Banquets, fleet manoeuvres, and so on, to dramatic performances at Drury Lane have been arranged, and the royal visitors will find every evidence of cordiality. King Amanullah has let it be known that he is touring to gather information about men and cities and Governments. In England he will see every phase of British life, military, naval, aerial, industrial and social, and he cannot avoid being impressed. Britain and Afghanistan are on very friendly terms, and "the Warrior King," who has excited the imagination of the world by undertaking the present journey, will need no further manifestation than the close attention which has been given to every apparently trivial detail of the programme. We anticipate that King Amanullah will take with him vivid impressions of Britain's power, of Britain's sincerity and of Britain's goodwill. In this he will be sharing an experience with prominent personalities of other nations who have in some cases previously harboured prejudices against Britain. We have heard it said that if every foreign Minister took the first opportunity of visiting London, British diplomacy would be less severely taxed. Half the trouble between nations is the result of their inability to understand one another. There are always essential differences between temperaments, difficult to explain but spontaneously placed in the background by social intercourse. Even our Chicago friend "Bill Big" Thompson would have great difficulty in avoiding capitulation to the open-handed friendship which which would undoubtedly be accorded if he announced his intention of going to see for himself. Britain is inclined to take things for granted—sometimes to her detriment—until the time for action really comes. And hospitality to a foreign visitor figures prominently in the things which we do well.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DAYS ARE NOT MERE REPETITIONS OF THEMSELVES; TO-MORROW WILL HAVE ANOTHER MEANING.—Dr. T. T. Munger.

Amongst the passengers who left by the s.s. President Jefferson were Bishop and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, Lieut.-Col. A. D. Radcliffe and Mr. C. H. Benson.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on 15th February, arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on 8th March, having been 22 days in transit.

A raid was carried out yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Whelan on an unlawful society at No. 7, Cross Street. A quantity of papers were seized by the police, who also arrested two men and one woman.

On enquiry from the local agents this morning, it was learned that the s.s. Hoi Cheong is still at Canton and will probably arrive here to-morrow. No further news has been received regarding the piracy and the kidnapping of eight members of the crew.

A Chinese married woman, twenty-six years of age, of No. 72 Stanton Street, was found hanging over the bunk of her cubicle yesterday afternoon. The body was cut down and removed to the Public Mortuary. According to the police, it is believed to be a case of suicide.

A dinner will be given by the Committee and members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, head of the local office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., in view of his forthcoming departure from the Colony. The function will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at the Chinese Merchants Club in China Building.

Police Officers and their wives departing from the Colony on leave by the s.s. Kashmir, on Saturday next, include Sub-Inspector E. A. Vincent (finger-print department) and family, Mrs. L. H. V. Booth, wife of Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., Mrs. K. W. Andrew, wife of Sub-Inspector Andrew and family, and Traffic Sergeant F. J. Clarke, (No. 7 Station).

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Capt. W. Lumsden, of the s.s. Suiyang, to Miss J. McKelvie, Dundee, Scotland, en route to Hongkong on board the s.s. Morea; Mr. H. H. dos Remedios, assistant to Messrs. H. Rutonjee and Son, to Miss L. M. N. de Jesus, No. 1, The Albany, Hongkong; and Mr. A. S. da Rosa, clerk, Chartered Bank, to Miss A. A. Lee Loureiro, Kowloon.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a fair number of arrivals and departures, British and Chinese returning level figures. Comparative figures showed a poor freight return, while tonnage was up to the average for the number of arrivals, with Japanese making the highest cargo returns. There were 16 arrivals and 17 departures, leaving 80 vessels in harbour, of which 29 were British.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAYING OFF PENNANT.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I be informed through the medium of your columns the exact meaning of the long pennant which is flown by vessels of H.M. Navy when paying off?—Yours, etc.,

SALT WATER.

Hongkong, Mar. 13th, 1928.

[It is traditional that the pennant flown at the masthead of all H.M. ships, when in commission, comes down to us from the occasion when Van Tromp hoisted a broom at the masthead as indicative of his intention to sweep the sea, and Drake replied with a "whip." The whip is now the pennant. Its extension, on the occasion of paying-off, to a length that has no utility cannot be accounted for in nautical history. It simply happened. Just as silvered balls appeared on the masthead caps and enamelled crowns on the jack staffs, ensign staffs and captains, by the eccentricities of captains. Until a few years ago, the length of paying-off pennants, which conform except in that length to the uniform "whip"—was a matter of enthusiasm by the crew, and frequently there were entanglements with other ships in the anchorage, while the gilded bladder on the end gave buoyancy when there was a drop in the wind. Modern practice is to shorten the pennant so that even in the slackest weather, it will not reach the water. There is no "meaning" in the generally accepted sense of the word; except that it is flown when a ship has received definite orders to "pay off."—Ed. H. K. T.]

"HONGS & HOMES."

AN ATTRACTIVE SHANGHAI
DIRECTORY.

"Hongs and Homes" is the happy designation of the Shanghai section of Rosenstock's Directory of China, which has made its appearance this year in a new and much more attractive form. It is a complete directory of the Northern settlement, and, selling at the remarkably low figure of \$5, is wonderful value.

Besides full lists of business firms, employees and residents, there is a wealth of information bokenpin the utmost care and pains on the part of the publishers to give in one volume a comprehensive survey of all that one needs to know of Shanghai's business, social and sporting life. Then there are street plans of all the main districts, with maps of tram and bus services; a street directory; ladies' and motoring sections; sport and recreation information, with plans of theatres; a travel section, replete with railway and steamer fares, etc., and other features of equal value.

What we like about the publication is the admirable manner in which its contents have been arranged and set out, thus making the Directory extremely easy of reference. All concerned in its publication are to be commended on their work.

We have also received a copy of the Hongkong and Canton section of Rosenstock's Directory, which, like the volume mentioned above, is admirably arranged.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL
MASTER?IS HE PUBLIC OFFICER UNDER
ORDINANCE?

An interesting legal point was discussed before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when three Chinese appeared on a charge of unlawfully trespassing on land being vested in or under the control of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, to wit, the Diocesan Boys' School.

After consulting the section of the Ordinance his Worship said it referred to every officer invested with or performing duties of a public nature, whether under the immediate control of the Governor or not.

Sub-Inspector Dick replied that the charge was brought under the latter part of the definition.

His Worship: I am very doubtful about it. I think I should like to take advice about it.

Sub-Inspector Dick: He (Rev. Featherstone) can possibly take Civil Action?

His Worship: Of course he can take civil action if any damage was done.

Sub-Inspector Dick: There must be damage done for a civil action?

His Worship: Yes.
The case was adjourned till Thursday morning.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Parade.—All members of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday March 14th, for Company Drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Blue uniform, cap with cover, and belt.

Flying Squad.

Resignations.—Constable R. 334 J. Carr is permitted to resign as from March 9th, in consequence of his being about to leave the Colony. Constable R. 323 C. Ismail is permitted to resign as from March 8th, upon having completed one full year's service.

Constable R. 304 A. B. Namson is permitted to resign as from March 1st, under the conditions of Sect. 19 of the Hongkong Police Reserve Ordinance 1927.

Patrol.—The weekly instructional patrol will be held in Hongkong on Thursday, March 15th, Fall in at 6.15 p.m. sharp at Central Police Station Compound.

Training.—Members who have not yet been passed out of Part I will attend at the Central Police Station Compound at 6.15 p.m. sharp on Thursday, March 15th, for squad drill under Sergeant R. J. Hunt.

Indian Company.

Resignation.—Constable R. 230 H. N. Mohi is permitted to resign as from March 8th, upon leaving the Colony for good.
(Sgd.) L. H. C. CALTHROP, A.S.P. Adjutant.

The Very Idea!

An American was narrating to an Englishman how, on one occasion he caught 999 snipe. Asked why he did not make it the thousand the Yank said, "No, no, I will not tell a lie for one snipe."

Whereupon the Englishman, not to be outdone, told a tale of a long swim from Liverpool to Boston.

"Did you see this man?" inquired the American.

"Yes, I did. Our boat passed him a mile out from Boston Harbour."

"Wal, I am glad you saw him, because you are a witness. I was that man," said the American.

At Clerkenwell County Court the Judge upheld a bachelor's right to be unthief, and dismissed an application for possession of his rooms.

I am a bachelor on my own—a bachelor gay and free; And if neighbouring folks say the chimney smokes, I tell them it's just like me. I can wipe my boots on the best armchair if I feel that way inclined.

And my shaving mug on the Persian rug. Makes nobody feel unkind. I can boil my egg in a biscuit tin, in the style of the simple life.

And I flick my fag in the laundry bag (Which would ruffle the sweetest wife).

I'm a harmless soul if I'm left alone, and as blithe as the brightest scout. And the whole world sees (and a Judge agrees) That nothing can put me out.

An extraordinary case of fraud is reported from Korintia, near Ungvar (North-Eastern Hungary).

A lonely old woman was visited by a man who said he had been killed in the war, like her son, and that both "were in Paradise," but that he had taken "short leave from the other world" in order to see his relatives.

He added that he could obtain "short leave" for the old woman's son if "travelling expenses" of £9 were paid him.

Scotsman accused of drunkenness at the Thames Court: A man I met made aspersions on Scotland, and said, "She ought to have the surcharge put on her."

Willesden wife: My husband should be put under restraint. He has delusions that, every one but himself is drunk.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: Does your lodger's wife use bad language? Landlady: Oh, no, she is too much of a modest Martha for that.

Chairman at Feltham: When did you first know that the man was following you? Motorist: When I saw him in front of me.

Barrister at Westminster County Court: Clergymen, schoolmasters, and bank managers are always the most difficult witnesses.

Lord Birkenhead presided at a luncheon at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, recently to celebrate the official opening of the reconstructed building. He said that, historically, the Cafe Royal was the most famous restaurant in London. It had been the centre of a very Bohemian, a very interesting, a very charming society in London, and yet it had never rejected the graver members. They had with them that day, for instance, Dean Inge. (Laughter and cheers.)

He (Lord Birkenhead) was informed that this club (laughter)—this restaurant—was the headquarters of a very famous dining society, which contained more than one Archbishop, and certainly about ten Cabinet Ministers.

It began in 1864, seven years before he (Lord Birkenhead) was born, and its founders were two Burgundy peasants of the wine-growing class, grandfather and grandnephew of the present managing director. The first capital upon which those magnificent premises were ultimately founded consisted of £5, which was borrowed from a moneylender. (Laughter.)

He was informed that they never felt secure in the venture until they had an established business, and £100 in capital. It was a great tribute to the founders that it had developed from a cafe of the French village type to one of the most famous dining and luncheon places in the world.

It was 80 years since he had his first meal in the old buildings. There had dined in those surroundings all the great artists, all the great actors, and many of the most illustrious statesmen in the 60 years of the existence of the cafe, and during the whole of the period its standard had not been exceeded by any restaurant.

A year or two ago the late Earl Haig lost his way in Scotland. A car with only a chauffeur came by, and the Field-Marshal asked to be directed.

"I seem to know your face, sir," said the man.

"Possibly," came the answer. "My name is Haig, and I served in the war."

CANTON'S ANTI-RED CAMPAIGN.**OPERATIONS IN THE LUKFUNG DISTRICT.****CHIANG & IRONSIDES.**

It is reported that a Chinese gunboat left Canton with a large quantity of goodstuffs and military equipment yesterday, valued at several thousands of dollars, to supply the troops now engaged in operations against the Communists on the Enai River.

The consignment is destined to the headquarters of the Canton troops on the East River, which include the 11th Division of Marshal Li Chai-sum's 4th Nationalist Army, and the 5th Nationalist Army, under General Tang Yin-wah. The latter recently resigned his post as Chief of the Canton Police Force to take part in the anti-"Red" expedition.

It is known that the 31st Regiment of the Canton Army now on the East River is engaged in attacking and clearing out the Communists at Hoifung.

The "Red" troops now holding Lukfung are said to be former units of General Chang Fat-kwai's Training Corps, which took a prominent part during the Communist coup in Canton last December. Troops of the 32nd Regiment, under Heung Hon-ping, are now attacking Lukfung.

The East River headquarters of the Canton Army claimed the capture of Hoifung on the 1st instant, Kapche on the 3rd instant, and Kishok on the 4th instant.

"Ironside" for Nanking?

It is reported from Chinese quarters that the Nanking Government is making preparations to welcome the "Ironside" troops. General Hsieh Yo, one of the leaders of the "Ironside" units, is said to have arrived in Nanking to interview Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The officer leading the "Ironside" troops on their long march to Nanking is stated to be General Mow Pei-nam, and it is believed that a big detachment of the "Ironside" may arrive in Nanking some time this week or early next week.

The reports state that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has made up his mind to incorporate the "Ironside" remnants into his Army. Vernacular reports state that General Chang Fat-kwai, the former leader of the "Ironside" units in Canton, has resolved to resign temporarily from the Army to take a holiday in Japan. However, as Chang, when in Hankow and Kiating, adopted an anti-Japanese policy, it is doubtful if the Japanese authorities will allow him to land on Japanese soil.

MOTOR COLLISION QUARREL.**CHINESE AND INDIAN COME TO BLOWS.**

A quarrel between a Chinese chauffeur and an Indian, near the motor car stand at Hill Road, resulted in the appearance of both men before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. The trouble arose out of a motor collision, and the question of damages not being satisfactorily settled, the men resorted to blows.

The Indian appeared in Court this morning with his head tied up in a bloodstained handkerchief and with his face smeared with dried blood.

After hearing the evidence, the Magistrate bound both men over in a personal bond of \$25, and, in addition, fined the Indian \$5, his "Worship" expressing the opinion that he was the cause of the trouble.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 12.	
Paris	124
New York	4.87 15/10
Brussels	35
Geneva	25.34
Amsterdam	12.125
Milan	92.25
Berlin	18.18
Stockholm	18.29
Copenhagen	18.32
Oslo	34.955
Vienna	104.74
Prague	103.4
Helsingfors	23.025
Madrid	2.16/64
Lisbon	308.7
Athens	5.59/64
Bucharest	47.29/32
Buenos Aires	1/6.31/32
Bombay	2/04
Shanghai	1/11.1/10
Yokohama	26.5/10
Silver (spot)	20.54
Silver (forward)	20.54

—British Wireless.

Arthur Richardson, the South Australian cricketer and a member of the Australian team which toured England last summer, expects to reach England in April to join the Beccup Club.

IN MEMORY OF DR. SUN YAT-SEN.**OBSERVANCES IN NANKING AND SHANGHAI.**

Shanghai, Mar. 12. The third anniversary of the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was celebrated in Nanking yesterday at the Central Kuomintang Headquarters. There were present most of the Kuomintang Commissioners now in the Nationalist capital. Mr. Yu Yu-jin officiated at the ceremony. General Tan Yen-kai reading the last will of the late Kuomintang chief. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was among those who attended.

Shanghai celebrated the occasion at the Foreign Commissioner's Office, with Mr. Quo Tai-chi officiating at the ceremony. There were present 1,000 people, including the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, General Chang Ting-fan, and the Garrison Commander of Woosung and Shanghai, General Hsiung Shi-fai.—Nam Chung Pao.

FORD CARS FOR THE R.A.F.**AIR MINISTRY'S EXPLANATION OF FOREIGN ORDER.**

Fifty-nine Ford cars and vans have been delivered recently to the Royal Air Force.

Upon inquiry at the Air Ministry it was learned that the cars had been ordered for use as Hucks starters and for overseas duties.

It was stated that the Hucks starter, a device for starting aero-engines by rotating the airscrew with power from the car engine, was built round a Ford chassis and that, since this type of starter is obsolescent, any modifications of British cars to carry out the same duties would have been uneconomical.

Other Fords were required for vans and ambulances overseas, and some were to replace cars actually in use in overseas units.

It was definitely declared that the Ministry's policy is to buy British cars. It is understood that Morris cars have in fact been ordered in large quantities and that the Fords are gradually to be superseded. Some authorities believe that, at the time the Air Ministry ordered Fords, it would have been impossible to obtain British cars capable of giving similar service at anything approaching the same price. This view is, however, contested by some motor experts.

NEW SHIPS—OLD NAMES.**THE ADMIRALTY'S POLICY OF REVIVAL.**

The names of the new ships to be laid down this year show that the Admiralty are following the well-established policy of reviving old names.

The cruiser to be built at Devonport will be named Exeter and will be the fifth of her name. The first Exeter was built in 1680 and the name bears the battle honours of Beachy Head and Quiberon Bay. The destroyer leader is to be called Codrington, after the victor of the centenary year of that battle.

The eight new destroyers all bear old and honoured names. Acasta is the third of her name and dates from 1797. Achilles, dates back to the Armada, and the new ship will be the fifth of her line. Achernon and Active will each be the seventh, and Ardent the ninth ship of that name.

The first Ardent was a French prize captured, appropriately enough, by the Exeter in 1763, and the name bears many battle honours. All these five ships will keep alive names which served in the North Sea during the Great War. Perhaps the most interesting revival is that of the 600-year-old name of Antony. A ship of this name is mentioned in action with the French in 1417 and another fought at the Armada.

The six new submarines are to be called Perseus, Poseidon, Proteus, Python, Parthion, and Phoenix, all of which are old names revived.

SHELL-FIRING GUNS ON NEW PLANES.

Successful trial flights are now being completed by Air Ministry test pilots with a new type of fighting aeroplane, the Westland-Jupiter "Wesbury," designed to carry small guns firing explosive shells instead of machine-guns.

The new air fighter mounts two guns, which, for an aeroplane, are of large calibre.

During the war attempts were made to mount guns firing shells on the Handley-Page Rolls-Royce night bombing planes, but with indifferent success, owing to the difficulty of dealing with the shock of the recoil.

This difficulty of recoil, it is understood, has been solved in the construction of the new aeroplanes.

ILLEGAL CANTON IMPOSTS.**ARREST OF SEAMEN'S UNION OFFICIALS.****EXTORTION ALLEGED.**

According to Chinese reports from Canton, two of the leaders of the Chinese Seamen's Union there were arrested a few days ago on a charge of extorting money from the merchants. According to the Canton report one of the two men is named.

One of the accused is said to be chief of the third branch office of the Seamen's Union, and the charge against him was that he extorted from firewood merchants twenty cents on every hundred bundles of firewood imported into the city. In answer to the charge, the accused is stated to have declared that the money so secured will go to the Seamen's Union.

The second accused is said to be the head of the fifth branch office of the Union. It appears that recently many complaints were made by the bean oil and sundry goods merchants that this man had succeeded in securing the monopoly of charging loading and unloading fees on junks and sampans, as a result of which merchants had to pay him considerable sums.

It is stated that the levies imposed by these men were not sanctioned officially.

Following the arrest of these two men, it is stated that Canton firewood merchants have sent telegrams to the firewood-producing centres ordering large consignments of wood and it is believed that there will soon be a drop in the price of the firewood in Canton.

BIG AIR ENGINE DISCOVERY.**SEMI-DIESEL MOTOR TO BURN CRUDE OIL.**

It has now become possible to draw aside the veil from a romance of aerial engineering.

For years British experts have been attempting to produce a light aero engine working on the semi-diesel principle, and burning a cheap crude oil.

One of the biggest items in an aviation company's bill is the cost of the petrol.

To-day it is possible to give general details of a motor running on crude oil at about 4 1/2d. a gallon, as compared with aviation petrol at 1s. 4d. a gallon.

650-Horse-Power. This engine has been developed for the Air Ministry by Messrs. William Beardmore and Co.

Known as the "Tornado," and developing 650 h.p., it is to have its first mid-air trial in the new giant airship R 101, after which it will be tested in an aeroplane.

The Tornado has eight cylinders. Air is first compressed in the cylinder, then a jet of heavy oil is injected. This vaporises and ignites, and the explosions drive the engine.

Although, in its present stage, the crude-oil engine is heavier than the petrol engine, this is counterbalanced to a great extent by the fact that the oil engine is more economical in fuel.

Further experiments are being carried out in the hope of decreasing the weight of the engine.

REORGANISING THE KUOMINTANG.**MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM'S PROPOSALS.**

Shanghai, Mar. 12. The Central Headquarters of the Kuomintang in Nanking has received a telegram from Marshal Li Chai-sum, in which the Canton leader recommends that General Chan Ming-shiu, Admiral Chan Chai and seven others be appointed Directors of the Kuomintang Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters. These Directors will be empowered to reorganize the present Kuomintang Committee in Kwangtung.

Marshal Li further suggests that Mr. Fan Chi-wuh and five others be appointed Directors of the Canton City Kuomintang Headquarters, also with powers to reorganize the City Committee of the Party.—Nam Chung Pao.

Mr. James Osborne, who was believed to be the senior V.C. has died at Wigginton, near Tring. He was 70 years of age.

He served as a private in the South African War with the Northamptonshire Regiment. He won the reward for riding under heavy fire at Weaselstroom, on February 22, 1881, towards a party of 42 Boers, picking up Private Mayes, who was lying wounded, and carrying him safely into camp.

DUKE OF YORK, CIVIL SERVANT.**WHAT HE LEARNED AT THE AIR MINISTRY.**

"There has lately been an amazing increase of vitality in the Civil Service," the Duke of York stated at the Civil Service annual dinner, at which Mr. Winston Churchill and Viscount Peel were guests. Sir Warren Fisher, Secretary to the Treasury, presided. Recalling the period after the War, during which he served in the Air Ministry, the Duke said that he had a special sympathy for the Civil Servant. "In order to increase my efficiency," he added—"at least I hope it was for that reason—I found myself being moved from one branch to another, rather like a human 'buff' marked 'Passed to you for action, please.' I wonder whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer has ever been treated like a 'buff ship?' I can assure him that it teaches one a great deal.

"To the average man in the street, the name 'Civil Servant' call up a vision of printed forms and red tape. But those who work or, like myself, have worked with them, know that the truth is just the opposite."

Chancellor on Broadcasting.

Mr. Churchill humorously commented on the "rules" controlling the introduction of controversial matter into broadcasting.

"We are being broadcast to-night," he said, "and unseen millions are listening now. I must tell you quite frankly that I was invited to give an undertaking that nothing that should fall from my lips should partake of the nature of political controversy.

"But whereas there are many good reasons why the Civil Service should not be identified with any political party, it seems to me—I hope I shall not break the machinery—absolutely idiotic that party controversy should be kept off the wireless organisation.

"Controversy is the soul of British life. We have grown great by controversy. We have arrived at higher unity through controversy than has ever been arrived at in any country through a rigid and compulsory uniformity. I really do not see why politicians should not be allowed to express their views through the agency of the broadcasting apparatus. Of course they are no longer allowed to do so through the Press.

(Laughter.) "I have a very practical suggestion to make. It is that one hour a night should be given to political and party controversy on the broadcasting, and that this hour should be divided in accordance with the strength of the parties in any given House of Commons. (Prolonged laughter.) After all, we should only be in competition with the Children's Hour, and surely we have the right to that."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. The jubilee of what event, of significance to Africa, is being commemorated this year?
2. What suitable MS. has just been given to Magdalene College, Cambridge?
3. What positions are held by the following people: Lord Eustace Percy; Mr. W. C. Bridgeman; Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister; Sir Neville House; Mr. W. T. Cosgrave?
4. What are (a) carnivora, (b) herbivora?
5. Who was Socrates, and from whom is our knowledge of him derived?
6. In what century was gunpowder first used in battle in Europe?
7. Name the author of the following lines, and state to what incident they refer: "Hope for a season bade the world farewell, And Freedom shrieked as Kosciuszko fell."
8. What were Jackin and Boos?
9. What country has been called "the land of songless birds and scentless flowers?"
10. Name the two towns in the United States which are most noted for the manufacture of watches?
11. What is (a) lapis lazuli, (b) a lapidary?
12. Give the meaning of the following: Sub rosa; nolesse oblige; in extenso; cui bono.

The London Midland and Scottish main line from Fenchurch-street to Southend was blocked by two engines which became derailed. The 6.7 p.m. passenger train from Fenchurch-street to Southend was derailed near Dagenham, and another engine, which went to its assistance, also left the rails near by. Thus, both up and down main lines to Southend were blocked, and services from London to Southend considerably delayed.

STRAITS STEAMER'S EXPERIENCE.**OUT OF CONTROL FOR FIVE HOURS.****MEETS A TYPHOON.**

Siam, Feb. 28. Owing to bad weather, the S.S. Kepong had a terrible experience on her voyage from Singapore to this port, which she reached 48 hours late.

For a time the Kepong was absolutely helpless through damage to her steering gear, and but for the fortuitous circumstance that for a period the storm abated somewhat, there is every reason to believe she would have been lost.

In latitude 7.25 N., longitude 103 E., at 4 a.m., she encountered what can only be characterised as a typhoon, a most unusual occurrence in the Gulf, and it was then that her steering gear was damaged.

Steering Gear Carried Away.

According to Captain Burton, she left Singapore on Feb. 20 and bad weather was encountered as soon as she passed the Horsburgh Light-house.

Wind and seas increased with continuous rains up till Feb. 24, when the storm rose to its height, the wind backing from N.N.E. to W. and S.W.

During this time the vessel's starboard boat was badly smashed, the steering gear was carried away and No. 1 derrick broke adrift and were smashed. Even the malthoid roofing of the bridge and aft-houses was blown off by the force of the wind.

Out of Control.

The ship lay five hours out of control while the steering gear was being repaired, after which the steamer was able to proceed on her voyage arriving here with a tired and weary crew.

Fortunately there was no loss of life. Repairs are being carried out on the steamer while she is lying in port here, and it is expected she will be ready to sail in a day or two.

Experience of the Kistna.

The m.s. Kistna, which arrived in Bangkok on Feb. 27 having left Singapore on Feb. 23, had the good luck to miss the course of the typhoon and came up to scheduled time. Captain Wilson said that the vessel rolled very badly after leaving Singapore and an average of about 9 1/2 knots was done.

The chief engineer of the Kistna, Mr. Gresswell, stated that, due to the intense rolling of the vessel, trouble was encountered with the circulating pumps, which drew air and got jammed. The wire rods on the ship rolled off and burst through the covers, breaking the wooden cargo of kerosene in this was not shipped on this trip, otherwise owing to the heavy rolling, the tins would have been all smashed.

SHIP BLOWN IN TWO.**CARGO OF CALCIUM CARBIDE EXPLODES.**

Spatato, Feb. 5. A terrific explosion occurred today on board the steamer Avala off Sebenico. The Avala was carrying a cargo of calcium carbide, and so great was the force of the explosion, which occurred at water-level, that the ship split in two and sank in a few minutes. All the crew were saved, with the exception of a stoker, who was killed by the explosion. The master and two sailors were seriously wounded from the same cause.

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RIFLE SHOOTING.

TAIKOO WINS OVER THE BLUEBELL.

A friendly shoot took place at
Taikoo Range on Sunday between
H.M.S. Bluebell and the Taikoo
Rifle Club, the winning team re-
ceiving spoons kindly donated by
Mr. Greig. The teams consisted of
ten men each, with the best eight
to count, remainder of conditions
as per H.K. Rifle League rules.
Taikoo won, the scores being:

	Yds	Yds	Yds	Tols.
Mr. Dr. B. Bone	28	31	31	90
Mr. K. Boulton	20	28	28	74
Mr. T. Grimshaw	31	30	26	87
Mr. S. Hope	22	23	25	70
Mr. H. Maxwell	27	23	23	73
Mr. A. McIndoe	30	31	26	87
Mr. K. McLennan	25	32	29	86
Mr. W. E. Price	29	27	22	78
Mr. C. Summers	31	30	28	89
Mr. D. C. Walsley	31	32	27	90

Totals 274 285 265 824

Less Counted Out 143

Total 681

Plus 4% For Open Sights 3

Grand Total 684

H.M.S. Bluebell Rifle Club.

Lieut. Nichols 30 30 27 87

Lt. Surk. Bingham 25 24 19 68

Cd. Gunr. Gribbon 27 28 21 76

Ch. Writ. Winter 21 19 25 65

E. R. R. Cooper 18 27 28 73

E. R. A. Nimmens 22 18 67

A. B. King 20 23 22 65

Stok. Craig 19 24 19 62

Stok. Stevenson 25 20 23 77

G. I. Wright 23 20 18 70

Totals 236 255 220 710

Less Counted Out 127

Total 583

Plus 4% For Open Sights 23

Grand Total 606

BRITISH BOXING CHAMPIONS.

CUTHBERT MEETS CORBETT FOR FEATHER TITLE.

London, Mar. 12.
At the National Sporting Club
to-night, a contest for the feather-
weight championship of Great Brit-
ain is taking place over twenty
rounds, between Johnny Cuthbert
(holder) and Harry Corbett (Lon-
don).
Both boxers weighed in this
afternoon very fit, Cuthbert, a
Sheffield man, making exactly 9
stone, while Corbett was 8 stone
13½ lbs.

Corbett Wins.

Harry Corbett, the challenger,
won on points.—*Reuter*.

OFF TO WIMBLEDON.

SINGAPORE TENNIS PLAYER'S INTENTION.

Mr. D. H. Kleinman, winner of
the Singapore lawn tennis singles
championship last year, will not
be a competitor in the tourna-
ment beginning on March 10.
The reason is that he is leaving
at the end of the month to play
at Wimbledon, and on the form
which he still maintains he should
give a good account of himself.
It will be remembered that he com-
peted at Wimbledon with some
success a few years ago.

Beating Clerc in the final last
year, Kleinman scored one win for
the new challenge cup. The pre-
vious one he won outright.—*Straits
Times*.

BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

ENTRY DATE EXTENDED.

Entries for the open billiards
handicap organized by the Palace
Hotel, Kowloon, will be received
up till midnight on Saturday next,
March 17th.

Previously it was announced
that entries would close on Sat-
urday last, but special circumstances
have been taken into account and
the date has been changed.

HOME FOOTBALL.

WEST HAM'S SOUND WIN.

London, Mar. 12.
The following are the results
played to-day:

Division I.

West Ham 4 Leicester 0

Sheffield U. 3 Bury 1

Division III (South).

Merthyr 3 Gillingham 1

—*Reuter*.

EXTRA RACE MEETING.

HANDICAPS FOR NEXT SATURDAY.

The following are the handicaps
for the second Extra Race Meet-
ing, to be held on Saturday:
Boa Vista "A" Class Handicap.
Bengal (173), Boxing Eve (168),
New Year's Eve (162), San Diego
(162), Winsome Stag (169), San
Francisco (159), Comrade (153),
Duke of Verona (158), Chamel
(168), Blackstone Hall (155), Lit-
tle Sit Tang (154), Charlie (late
Berechurch Hall) (153), Warring-
ton (151), Macao Beauty (151),
Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries)
(151), O-Moon (151), Warlordship
(150), Chow Tze Lon (150), King
of the Plains (146), Ukelele (146).
Boa Vista "B" Class Handicap.
Festive Eve (162), Dobbin (162),
Kom Tong Hall (159), May (159),
Duke of Nieblung (158), Damaged
Goods (late Four Horsemen)
(158), Sunning (158), Pegasus
(late Manor Hall) (158), Bing Boy
(156), Boukru (154), Grey Knight
(153), Chatto (152), Tarzan (152),
Tarmacadam (late Fame Hall)
(152), Northern Stag (150), Bright
Eve (150), Man of War (150),
Mowgli (148), Meanwhile (148),
Castle (146).
Boa Vista "C" Class Handicap.
District Call (165), Gold Medal
(163), Easter Day (162), Grey
Eyes (160), Barley Grass (159),
Bright Prospect (late Limestone
Hall) (157), Watchdog (156), Sen
Front (156), Brown Jug (156),
Southern Stag (153), The Haugh
(152), Nara Stag (late The
Grouse) (150), Wine Boy (late
Madeira) (150), Fire Call (150),
Skipper (150), Silver Fox (150),
Scotter (147), Sen Hawk (late
Loch Lomond) (145), Siang River
(145), Little River (145), Zin (late
Temple Hall) (145).
Kellet "A" Class Handicap.
Bengal (173), Boxing Eve (168),
San Diego (162), New Year's Eve
(162), Comrade (158), Chamel
(158), Coos Bay (155), Duke of
Verona (153), Blackstone Hall
(152), Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries)
(151), Little Sit Tang (151),
U-If II (150), Warrington (148),
Warlordship (147), Ukelele (146),
King of the Plains (146).
Kellet "B" Class Handicap.
Festive Eve (162), Dobbin (164),
Horford (160), Kom Tong Hall
(159), May (159), Duke of Nie-
blung (158), Sunning (158),
Pegasus (late Manor Hall) (158),
Gold Medal (153), Grey Knight
(153), Craywhite (150), Man of
War (150), Northern Stag (150),
Chatto (148), Tarzan (148), Mon-
gli (148), Bright Prospect (late
Limestone Hall) (146), Sen Front
(140), Nara Stag (The Grouse)
(140), Southern Stag (146), Wine
Boy (late Madeira) (140).

SHARKEY V. RISK.

ELIMINATORY HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST.

New York, Mar. 12.
There is great interest in to-night's
fifteen rounds eliminator heavy-
weight contest between Jack Sharkey
and Johnny Risko, in Madison Square
Garden.

The former is favourite at two to
one.—*Reuter's American Service*.
A later message states that
Risko won on points.

Sentence of three months' impris-
onment in the second division was
passed by the Bow-street Magis-
trate on Captain Arthur Robert
James Cant, aged 51, master
mariner, who pleaded guilty to em-
bezzling £150 belonging to the New
Zealand Government. Cant, it was
stated, was sent from New Zealand
last year, by the Government, to
navigate a motor vessel from Ire-
land to the Dominion, and certain
sums of money were placed at his
disposal. Later he was released
from his duties. Shortly after-
wards he disappeared taking with
him £150 of the New Zealand
Government's money. On Febru-
ary 4 he surrendered to the police.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph"
offers a prize of \$50 to the readers
who send in twelve correct fore-
casts of the results of the English
and Scottish League matches
(to be played on Saturday next,
March 17th) set out in the Cou-
pon below. No goal scores are
required; only forecasts showing
wins or draws.

In the event of no reader fore-
casting all twelve matches, a prize
of \$25 will be given to the reader
who sends in the greatest number
of correct forecasts; and in the
event of two or more readers send-
ing in an equal high number, the
prize of \$25 will be divided.
The competition is in accordance
with the rules published in the
Telegraph during the weeks August
29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on
March 17th.

DIVISION I.

Bury v Wednesday.
Derby v Huddersfield.
Leicester v Everton.
West Ham v Tottenham.

DIVISION II.

Barnsley v West Brom. A.
Swansea v Chelsea.

DIVISION III.

Coventry v Brighton.
Watford v Millwall.
Walsall v Northants.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Dunfermline v Clyde.
Dunfermline v Clyde.

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Bury	v. Wednesday.
Derby	v. Huddersfield.
Leicester	v. Everton.
West Ham	v. Tottenham.
Barnsley	v. West Brom. A.
Swansea	v. Chelsea.
Coventry	v. Brighton.
Watford	v. Millwall.
Walsall	v. Northants.
Dunfermline	v. Aberdeen.
Dunfermline	v. Rangers.
Dunfermline	v. Clyde.

POLICE CAR OVERTURNED.

Cathcart, Roland Watson, of
Knightsbridge, an undergraduate at
Cambridge, and a son of Rear-
Admiral Cathcart, was driving a
motor car, when it was overturned
on a dangerous road.

Watson had promised not to tear
along by-roads, on the assumption
that they were main roads, and the
Magistrate, Mr. Hay Halkett, said
that in view of that promise, and
also because Watson had been ex-
ceedingly straightforward, he would
take the course he did to save Mr.
Watson from conviction.

The case arose out of a collision
between Mr. Watson's car and a car
driven in the Outer Circle, Regent's
Park, by a Divisional Detective In-
spector Hambrook. Watson's car,
it was stated, came out of a side
turning "like a flash" and crashed
into the police car, which over-
turned. The two police occupants were
injured.

An application was made in the
King's Bench Division for the
postponement of a case which had
come into the list unexpectedly,
and witnesses who had to travel
from Devonshire were not present
in Court. Mr. Justice Finlay, in
agreement to hear the case later,
remarked: "In view of the present
lamentable shortage of Judges I
think it would be the best course
in the interests of all concerned."

CRITICISM OF A JUDGE.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE ON FAIR COMMENT.

EDITOR'S APOLOGY.

A Divisional Court of the King's
Bench Division, presided over by
the Lord Chief Justice, gave judg-
ment upon the rule nisi which had
been granted at the instance of the
Attorney-General calling upon Mr.
Clifford Dyce Sharp, the Editor of
the "New Statesman," to show
cause why he should not be com-
mitted for contempt of Court, re-
specting an article containing refer-
ences to Mr. Justice Avory.

The Lord Chief Justice said that
in view of Mr. Sharp's apology the
Court would refrain from impos-
ing a fine, and ordered Mr. Sharp
to pay the costs of the proceedings
as between solicitor and client.

In the article complained of the
"New Statesman" criticised Mr.
Justice Avory's judgment in the
libel action, in which Mr. Gwynne,
the Editor of the *Morning Post*,
was awarded £200 damages against
Dr. Marie Stopes. The article con-
cluded: "The serious point in this
case is that an individual owing
to such views as those of Dr. Stopes
cannot apparently hope for a fair
hearing in a Court presided over by
Mr. Justice Avory—and there are so
many Avorys."

Unreserved Withdrawal.

Sitting with Lord Hewart were
Justices Shearman and Branson.
Mr. W. A. Jowitt, K.C. (for the
Editor of the "New Statesman"),
read an affidavit by Mr. Sharp who
stated that the article was written
by him hurriedly, and being the
"last copy" sent through before
going to Press there was no time
for reconsideration.

Order of the Court.

Lord Hewart, giving judgment,
referred to the case of the Queen
v. Gray in 1900 and said: "Apply-
ing the standards of that case to
the present matter, we have no
doubt that this paragraph does con-
stitute a contempt of court. It im-
putes unfairness and lack of im-
partiality to the learned Judge in
the actual performance of his
judicial duties. The gravamen of
the matter is not in the smallest de-
gree that it is a reflection upon the
individual Judge, but that by tend-
ing to lower his authority it does
tend to interfere with the due ad-
ministration of justice."

"If in the end we came to the
conclusion that that attack, that
contempt, goes, as it does
clearly, beyond the limit of any
criticism which could be called
legitimate, and was directly intend-
ed by the writer, who happens to be
also the Editor of this periodical, it
is quite clear to us that the only
proper conclusion of the matter
would be that he would be com-
mitted to prison for contempt of
court."

"It is right to look at the circum-
stances which are described in Mr.
Sharp's affidavit. Although the
words seem to be free from any
ambiguity, we accept the complete
unqualified apology which Mr.
Sharp has made, having regard to
his character and antecedents, and
it is for these reasons—and for
these reasons alone—that we
abstain from committing for con-
tempt, as would have been necessary
for the Court to commit for con-
tempt, which was undoubtedly conveyed
by these words was the meaning really
intended by the writer of them."

"In these circumstances the
order of the Court is that Mr.
Sharp is guilty of the contempt re-
ferred to, and, believing as we do
that if the true analysis of this case
were such as to exhibit its graver
aspects the only proper course
would have been committal to pri-
son, we refrain from imposing a
fine, and we order Mr. Sharp to pay
the costs of these proceedings as
between solicitor and client."

Although Argentina's Presi-
dential election is still a month
distant, political riots have al-
ready broken out in the provinces
of Santa Fe and Cordoba, in which
several persons have been killed
and wounded. The newspapers
have appealed to the Government
to take steps to prevent any re-
petition of such disorders.

SPEAKING WITH TWO VOICES.

COMEDY OF THE FRONT BENCH.

Mr. J. H. Thomas was a prophet
without honour among his own
people when he re-started the de-
bate on trade and unemployment in
the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister, one or two
members of the Cabinet, and a fair
number of Conservatives attended
for his speech, but on the Socialist
side there were just twenty
listeners, of whom the most im-
portant were a couple of ex-Under
Secretaries. A most interesting re-
velation of Opposition sincerity.

The railwaymen's leader, how-
ever, bravely dressed the Socialist
shop-window with the remnants of
half a dozen former unemployment
debates. But at one point he sharp-
ly parted company from the notions
of his chief, Mr. MacDonald
three days previously told the
Government that the trades, such
as silk and motor-cars, which have
begun to flourish under Conserva-
tive guardianship were of doubtful
social value. The more statesman-
like Mr. Thomas emphasised that he
desired all our trades to prosper.

At the end, leaning over the
Treasury table, and in that tone of
conversational banter which Mr.
Thomas commands, he told the
Prime Minister: "I have a strong
personal regard for you. You must
be getting extremely tired. You
can't be feeling happy with this ter-
rible state of affairs and incompe-
tence which surrounds you. In the
interests of yourself and the
country, get rid of your burden at
once."

A Quick Change.

Such altruism went straight to
Mr. Baldwin's heart. His eye lit
up, and he smiled more kindly on
Mr. Thomas with every sentence.
If the Prime Minister's next speech
does not contain an appreciative re-
joinder I shall be surprised.

In the meantime one of his "in-
competents" scored. "You urge re-
signation immediately," said the
President of the Board of Trade to
Mr. Thomas, "yet only a few days
ago your colleagues, Mr. Henderson,
told us such a course would be a
gross act of dereliction."

"Ah, that was last week," re-
marked Mr. Thomas cynically.
"Well, I have never known such
a rapid change of view on a major
issue," laughed the President. "By
the by," he inquired pointedly,
"who chiefly hopes to fill the Prime
Minister's place?"

Socialism or private enterprise—
that, obviously, preceded Sir
Philip Cunliffe-Lister, would be the
issue at the next Election.
"Socialism," he declared, "is the
Opposition's Ark of the Covenant,
and the dinghy with what is left of
the Liberal Party will go wobbling
along in the wake of the Ark."

The President had got badly
mixed, it seems, between the Ark
of the Covenant and the vessel in
which Noah defeated the Flood, but
that did not prevent the sally sound-
ing excellent. What made the jest
more biting was that the Liberal
benches were a desert. There had
been one Liberal in the House for
a short time, but he, unable to stand
the solitude, had withdrawn some
time before.

Trade Gesture.

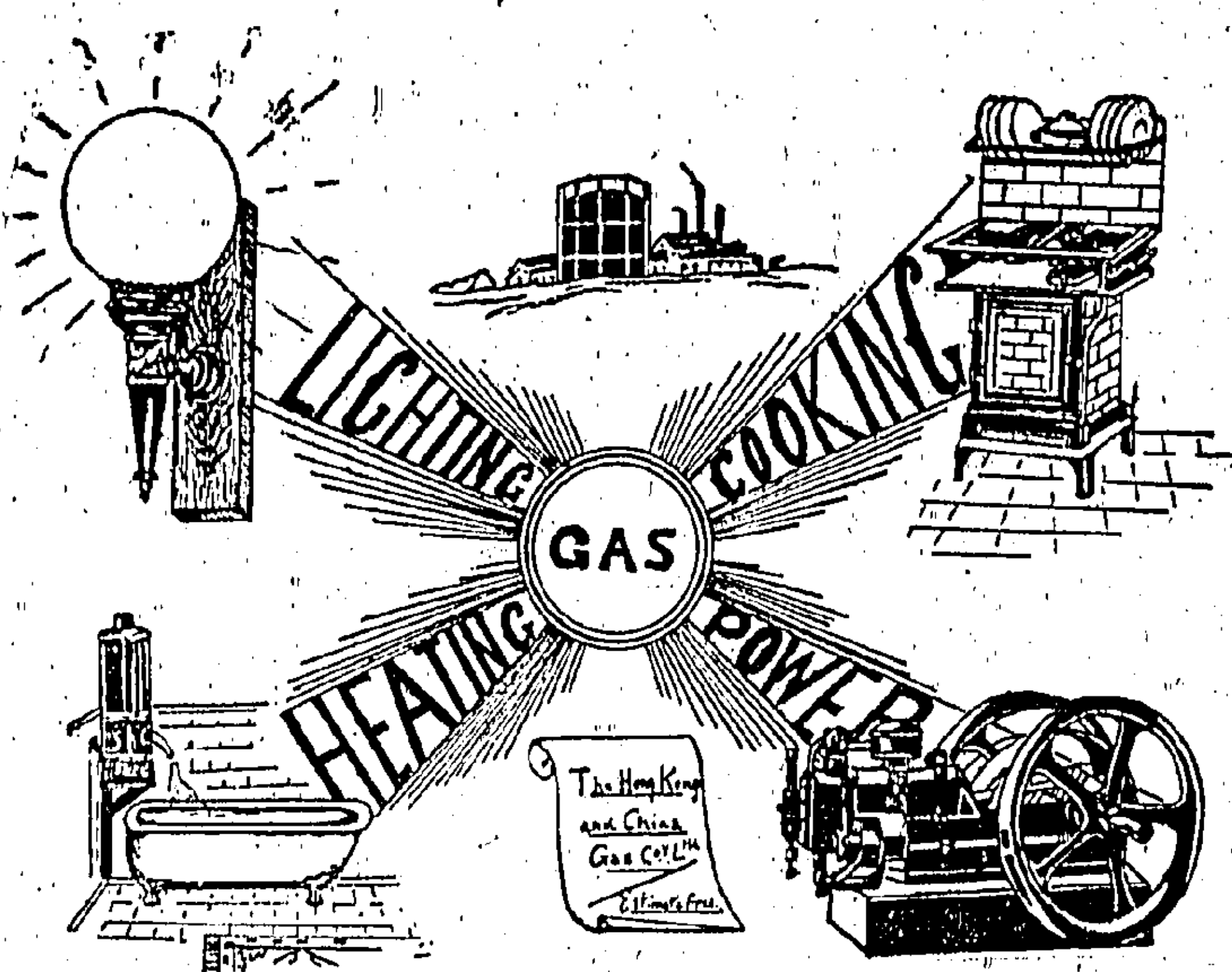
The proving, against Mr. Thomas,
that industrial affairs were better
than during the Socialists' term of
office was not difficult. In the
course of the task Sir Philip
happened to mention the General
Strike.

"General Lock-out," blurted Mr.
T. Griffiths, wholly mechanically.
This struck the House as so funny
that even some Socialists came un-
der the spell. It will be gathered
that the sitting was one of great
geniality.

For the rest, the Chancellor's
Private Secretary, Mr. Boothby,
broke his usual silence with a highly
suggestive speech giving his im-
pressions of a recent visit to Ger-
many. There, it appears, "ration-
alisation" has done wonders
for the formerly half-bankrupt trio
of coal, iron, and steel.

If there arises someone who can
negotiate comprehensively for our
corresponding industries, and if
we come to the agreement for which
the Germans are entirely willing,
then, and then only, Mr. Boothby
believes, will a damaging struggle,
in which high tariffs are the
weapons, be forestalled between
the two nations.

The speech may be regarded as
an unofficial approach by the Ger-
man cartel and controlling in-
dustrial groups to British industry.
Mr. John Coates, the tenor, who
was the principal guest at the Con-
cert Artists' Association Dinner at
the Hotel Cecil, said he had been
told three times by the chairman
that his speech must be brief.
"But I don't want to be brief," he
complained. "I don't often have
the chance of making a speech.
Therefore, I have made most
elaborate preparations and come
laden with notes, and I intend to
wade right through them; what-
ever anyone says." (Laughter.)
He did.



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UNIVERSITY UNION.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON PEACE EFFORTS.

A social was held yesterday at the University Union at 5 p.m., when Lady Ho Tung distributed the prizes to the successful competitors in the tournaments of indoor games.

"Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung were received by the President of the Union, Mr. Peter Pau, and by other officers of the Union.

In welcoming Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the President said: Ladies and gentlemen,—It gave me great pleasure a week ago to enquire of Lady Ho Tung whether she would be so kind as to distribute the prizes. The next day I was overjoyed to hear from Sir Robert that Lady Ho Tung had consented to do so, and that he would accompany Lady Ho Tung if he could spare the time. Sir Robert's kindness did not end there, for he also presented us with the most coveted prizes, namely, the first prize for the Championship Singles. These things dwell in one's mind and they tend to add warmth to one's enthusiasm. In welcoming here to-day Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung. To Lady Ho Tung, I would on your behalf as well as on my own, extend our warmest thanks for consenting to distribute the prizes. Sir Robert is well known to all of us, and it is sufficient for me to say that when we remember how intimately he is associated with the growth and the increasing prosperity of the Far East in general and the Colony in particular, when we realise that he worked ardently for the peace and concord of China, and that such work was prompted by his love for the Chinese people and of things Chinese, I am perhaps free to say that I have great faith in Sir Robert's efforts in eliminating the troubles of China, and I hope and believe that his success and prosperity will be continued and that his plans for the betterment of China will materialise one day.

The President then discoursed at length on the influence of sport on modern life. He suggested that games do not only affect the physical development of man, but also the moral and sometimes the intellectual progress.

Sir Robert Replies.

Sir Robert responded on behalf of Lady Ho Tung. He said that he consented to accept the invitation to the prize distribution on condition that a speech was not required of him, but at the last moment he yielded to the perseverance and persuasion of the President, so that he had no opportunity to prepare his speech. Sir Robert thanked the members of the Union for their cordial welcome, and said that whilst motoring to the University Union, he thought he might say a few words on unity.

He stated that to achieve unity it was necessary for one to thrust aside one's personal feeling, to work for interests that are common to all, and to be prepared to make self-sacrifices if such were necessary. (Applause). Above all, one should shun indifference, and be public spirited. (Applause). If, for instance, the students of the University were to adopt those principles, and if the students in other parts of China were to do likewise, he felt confident that China would be one of the greatest nations of the world in the very near future. (Applause).

Sir Robert then thanked the President for his kind words, and especially for his reference to the work which he did with the view to reconciling the militarists of China. (Applause). In this connection, Sir Robert said that he had done his very best. (Applause) and that his only consolation was that he still received many letters and personal calls from eminent politicians of China, asking him to resume the work which he did a few years ago.

Sir Robert urged the Chinese students to be conscious of their responsibilities whilst in the University, and to contribute towards the improvement of the conditions in China after their graduation.

In concluding, he congratulated the winners of the prizes as well as the less fortunate competitors, for he had no doubt that all did their best.

Cheers were then given for Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung.—Contributed.

BRITISH TRADE.

A SLIGHT SLACKENING
DISCLOSED.

London, Mar. 12.

The Board of Trade returns for February give: Imports, £38,848,374, and exports, £57,236,148, being reductions of £1,540,851 and £2,508,585, respectively, compared with January.—*Reuter*.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

REMARKABLE TUBERCULOSIS TESTS.

PART PLAYED BY DIET.

Although it was proved many years ago that tuberculosis is caused by a specific germ, the disease has not yet been eliminated as one of the major causes of death of man.

Specific methods of treatment attacking the germ have not been satisfactorily established, nor has any drug been shown to have special virtues in overcoming the disease.

Primary among methods of treatment are the provision of adequate nutrition, proper amounts of rest and exercise, and exposure to fresh air and sunlight. Special attention always has been given to the question of providing adequate food. Apparently this well grounded method of treatment is now supported by scientific evidence of great interest.

Laboratory Study.

Workers in the department of biochemistry and bacteriology of the University of Cincinnati have just made public the results of some investigations on rats which are of great importance in this connection.

The white rat has long been thought to be almost immune to tuberculosis. Several experimenters who have studied the effects of the injection of germs into rats were convinced that it was of all animals least susceptible to this disease.

The Cincinnati investigators, noting that the rat is susceptible to deficiencies of vitamins, determined to find out whether the naturally high resistance of the white rat to tuberculosis could be lowered by decreasing the amount of calcium and vitamin D in the rat's diet.

They found that rats from normal mothers receiving an abundance of both calcium and cod liver oil were immune to fairly large doses of tubercle germs, whereas those with a diet deficient in calcium and vitamin D developed unmistakable lesions of tuberculosis in the lungs following the injection of comparatively small amounts of tubercle bacilli.

Rats receiving adequate diets both before and after inoculation were able to resist from four to ten times as large a dosage of germs without becoming infected.

Develops Susceptibility.

Another series of experiments was planned to show the effects of a deficiency of vitamin D without a deficiency of calcium. When the vitamin D was decreased greatly, the white rats lost their high immunity to tuberculosis and seemed indeed to develop a susceptibility.

Gloomy winter weather with a distinct absence of sunlight forces rats, as it does human beings, to

LAMPS FROM ABROAD.

ABOUT 11,000,000 IMPORTED IN A YEAR.

The Electric Lamp Association of Great Britain has made application to the Board of Trade Committee, under the Merchandise Marks Act, for an Order in Council making it compulsory that imported lamps should bear an indication of origin.

Mr. Kenneth R. Swan, for the applicants, stated that the term "incandescent electric lamp" applied on the one hand to the 10,000 candle power lamps used in light houses, and on the other to flash lamps for pocket torches. The Association included firms, which in 1927 manufactured 37,302,000 lamps, of which 29,804,000 were for the home market. Deducting gas-filled and flash-light lamps, the total imports in 1927 amounted to about 11,000,000 lamps. About half of these came into the country unmarked.

Evidence was given by Mr. C. W. Sully, Director of the Electric Lamp Association, who announced that the application for the marking of component parts of lamps, originally included in the case, had been withdrawn.

Mr. J. Y. Fletcher, a director of the General Electric Company, remarked that there was really confusion in the public mind as to whether unmarked lamps were British or foreign in origin.

obtain a large part of their supply of vitamin D from their diet. If the vitamin D content of the diet is lowered, rickets develops and there appears to be an increased tendency to tuberculosis.

RHINELAND OFFER.

SUGGESTED GREAT GERMAN LOAN.

Paris, Feb. 5.

The Berlin Correspondent of the *Journal* states upon high authority that if the Franco-German conversations continue to develop in a favourable sense, as may be hoped, Germany would not hesitate to take the action which France seems to expect on the question of reparations. If an agreement is reached in regard to the evacuation of the Rhineland it is supposed in Berlin that Germany would launch the great "Liberation loan" on the international markets, the amount of which might be put at from eight to ten thousand million gold marks (£400,000,000 to £500,000,000).

Of the proceeds, 52 per cent. would naturally be received by France under the treaty. But the consent of the British, Italian, and Belgian Governments would be necessary. Germany, according to the correspondent of the *Journal*, would make herself responsible for the interest service of the proposed loan.

But he adds: "In Berlin it is pointed out that this solution of the problem will not be possible until the question of inter-Allied debts is settled."

Mr. I. B. Slater, who has died at Wetherall, Cumberland, at the age of 89, was the oldest Magistrate for Carlisle, having sat on the bench for nearly half a century. He was so keen an angler that he continued fishing for salmon in the River Eden until he was eighty-three years old.

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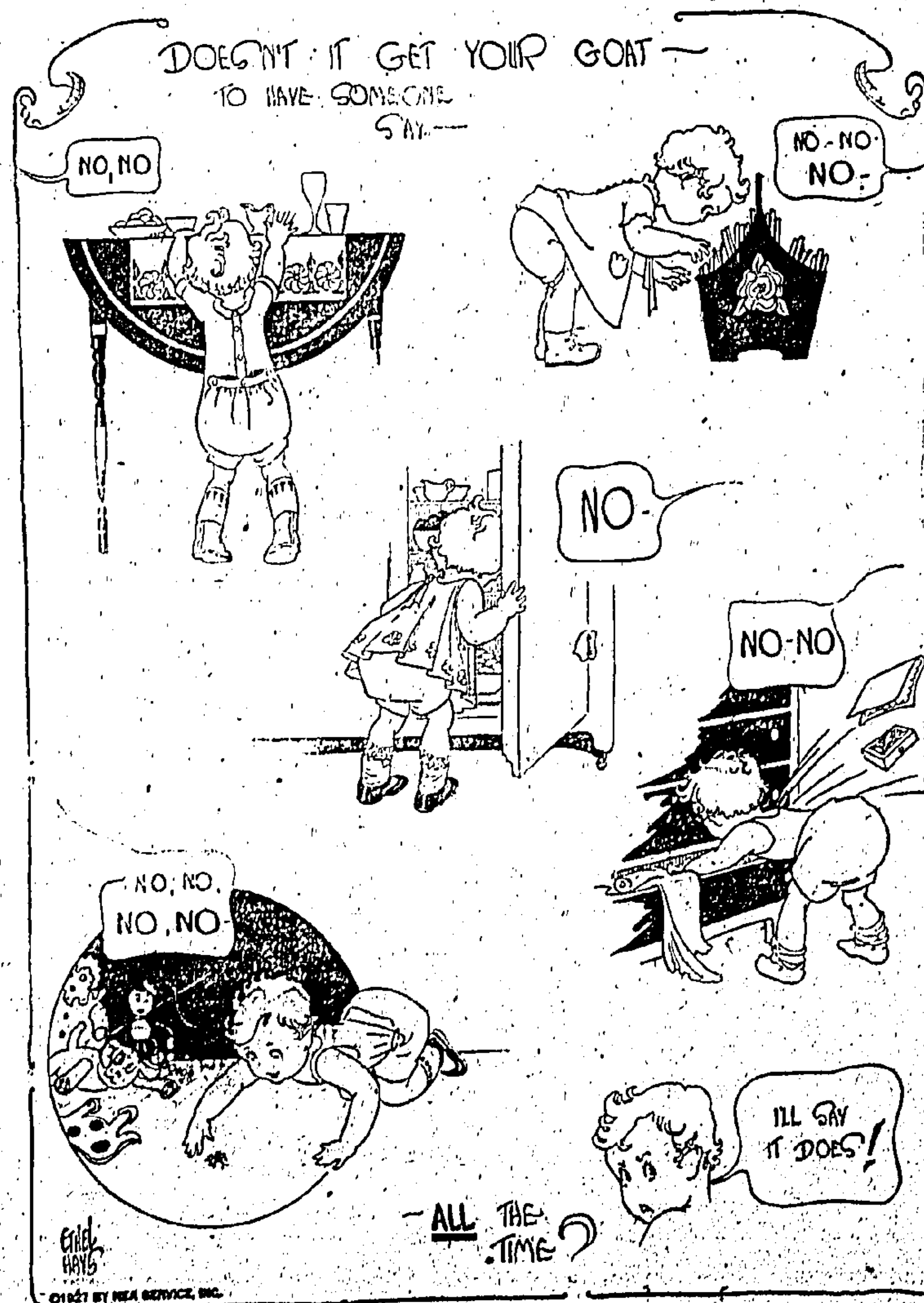
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SYNOPSIS.

FOSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESA FEVERSHAM, niece of an American millionaire newspaper proprietor. MISS CROOM, without telling him of the contents, asks Foster, her nephew, to take charge of a metal box containing precious jewels. A few days later she is murdered. Theresa's attitude towards Foster changes suddenly, and she is obviously "flashing" for information about the jewels. She persuades him to bring the box to her flat where he is ordered, at the point of a revolver, to surrender it to a smart, red-headed young man. It, however, contains no jewels, they being safely deposited in the bank. Foster receives a visit from MONICA RAILTON, a young friend of Miss Croom. She tells him of a man named Hillyard who was at one time a lover of Miss Croom's and whom Miss Croom met again about two years before her death. One night he sent the box to her asking that she should keep it until he asked for it, giving it to no one else.

Hillyard's messenger was named REDPATH and Foster decides to call on him. Passing the Capital Hotel he sees Theresa and speaking to her learns that her uncle is in England. She is obviously ashamed of herself.

Redpath tells Foster that Hillyard stole the jewels from LADY PARKINSON, but died. Then Redpath went to Park Lane to claim the reward, but was stopped by a "red-haired young swell" whom he supposed to be the son, who heard the story and threatened to hand him to the police. Monica tells Foster that he should go to Scotland Yard and tell them what he knows.

CHAPTER XIII.

FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS.

Foster Markwell made up his mind to pay Mrs. Davenport a visit that evening. She had been an old friend of his mother's, and he generally paid her a visit between voyages, besides he was on the best of terms with her son, Jocelyn and her daughter, Anne.

He would probably not have neglected her on the present occasion but for Theresa Feverham, and now she might prove useful. He wished to make certain that the man who had held the revolver to his head was actually Lady Parkinson's son, whereas Mrs. Davenport, who knew most people worth knowing, would probably be able to tell him.

Foster would not have found her at home if she had not been nursing a cold, otherwise she would have accompanied her family to the Haymarket Theatre. She was a pleasant-looking woman of about fifty, but the instant he entered the oppressively hot sitting-room, she began to reproach him.

"Though I suppose I ought to make allowances," she said. "You must have been terribly shocked by poor Evelyn Croom's death. I used to see a good deal of her years ago. Of course I was never on the same terms with your aunt as with your mother, and it seems an age since I saw her."

Foster sat talking about Miss Croom for a few minutes, then came to the subject of his visit, asking whether Mrs. Davenport knew Lady Parkinson of Park Lane.

She laughed on hearing the name—quite good naturally.

"Sir Joseph," she explained, "is a remarkable man. He began with the proverbial half-crown and has become a millionaire. A man of the most simple personal tastes and habits, he seems to like his wife to make the most lavish display. A very good-natured woman, but the cause of widespread envy. Her jewels are marvellous, and though she was robbed of goodness only knows how many thousands pounds worth some time ago, she is still smothered in diamonds every evening."

"Has she any children?" asked Foster.

"Only one son—a good handful. Jocelyn brought Everard Parkinson here once or twice, but I'm afraid we were altogether too tame for him. To tell you the truth, the less my own boy has to do with him the better."

"What's the matter with Parkinson?" suggested Foster.

"I mustn't tell tales out of school. I dare say he's not much worse than a good many others, only he's more thorough. Sir Joseph packed him off to America last year, but he returned unexpectedly just before Christmas."

believe he created so much friction that the house in Park Lane became too hot to hold him."

"Surely, he goes to it," cried Foster.

"Possibly when Sir Joseph is out of the way. A mother's mother, you know, Foster. I daresay in spite of all his alarms and excursions, she's still proud of him. One must admit he looks rather nice. I might be able to show you his photograph. He was at Molly Dyson's wedding, and I fancy the camera took him in."

Mrs. Davenport crossed the room and began to look through a number of loose photographs in a leather case, presently returning with one of a wedding group.

"The tall man on the left is Everard Parkinson," she said. "And you must remember that he has vivid red hair."

Now Foster felt satisfied. Everard Parkinson was unquestionably the man who had bowed to Theresa at the "Carlton," who had held the revolver at her flat, and no doubt it was he who met Redpath on the doorstep in Park Lane on Monday morning, the seventh, and went to Baynton Crescent, sending in Hillyard's name, as an introduction, and seeing Miss Croom the same afternoon.

Instead of being a crook, however, he had been engaged in a laudible attempt to retrieve his mother's stolen property. Although his methods might not have been the wisest in the world, they could not for an instant be condemned as criminal. Everard Parkinson had no thought of personal gain. He wanted the box in order to restore the contents to Lady Parkinson, and as he was innocent, so with stronger reason, was Theresa. That was the really important fact. Foster longed to see her again, to induce her to discuss the situation frankly and make a fresh start.

At first he thought he would wait till Tuesday afternoon before going to her hotel, but the early morning passed terribly slowly and at half-past eleven, carried away by impatience, he set forth to Northumberland Avenue.

At the bureau he learnt that she was in her room, and sending up his name, waited anxiously to hear whether she would come down to speak to him. A little later he had the gratification of seeing her step out of the lift, wearing her fur coat and extremely becoming, tightly-fitting hat to match it, as if she were on the point of going out.

"You wanted to see me!" she said, without offering her hand.

"If you're going out," he answered, "you might allow me to walk a part of the way."

After a brief hesitation, without speaking, she stepped towards the revolving door and on reaching the pavement, turned to her right in the direction of the embankment.

"Well, I've made a discovery," cried Foster, by her side. "I've learnt that the man who held me up in your flat was Everard Parkinson, and that the jewellery you were trying to get 'hold of' had been stolen from his mother."

"Then the devil is not so black as you painted him," she murmured, waiting on the kerb for an opportunity to cross the road. As soon as they reached the farther side, Foster looked eagerly into her face.

"Don't you think," he suggested, "the time has come to explain your own part in the affair. Ever since I've become so much wiser, it seems a rather incongruous part, you know."

She did not require to be told that. She was conscious of the fact every hour of the day. She admitted she had only herself to blame for whatever he might believe her to be, but though he had ceased to imagine she was a thief, no doubt the part she had played must appear sufficiently strange.

If she had risen in his opinion, he also had gone up in hers. She need no longer believe that he intended to retain property which he knew to have been stolen. And, so, walking along the embankment this fine, cold morning at the end of January, with trams constantly passing on their right, then crossing to the Houses of Parliament, and continuing their way past Westminster Abbey on the opposite side of the road, Theresa told her story. As she went on, she perceived that a wrong conclusion might easily be drawn, whereas her chief desire, like his own, was to banish misunderstanding and mystery at once and for ever.

CHAPTER XIII.

THERESA'S APOLOGY.

Seriously knowing where to begin, Theresa seemed to be going off the track in describing Nina Francy, her first cousin, with whom she had been brought up. Nina being a year or two younger.

"She's the very loveliest girl I have ever seen," said Theresa. "And she is out for a good time. Of course, my aunt hasn't a very large income, but there are always plenty of men hanging around to give her what she wants."

That had been Everard Parkinson's trouble, Theresa explained. While it was true that he had the prestige of Sir Joseph's shekels behind him, he was terribly short of ready money.

"Poor Everard!" cried Theresa. "He was over head and ears, yet he had to stand by while his rivals made the running."

He had, it appeared, made a confidante of Theresa, beavelling his fate, specially when Mrs. Francy took Nina to California, where his miserable limitations prevented him from following her.

"We—ell, I gave him the very best advice," said Theresa, with the slight drawl which, in Foster's opinion, only added to her charm. "I told him the wisest thing he could do was to go back home and make a clean breast to Sir Joseph. I thought his father would be so pleased at the prospect of his settling down, that he would make things smooth, but he didn't. I guess he had heard something like the same tale before, though of course Everard assured me that Nina was the only woman he had ever loved."

Missing Nina, and after Theresa sailed for Europe, having no one to whom he could talk freely about her, he took this advice and a second class passage to Southampton, surprising her by a visit at Treadwell Mansion, a week after her own arrival. She had not seen him again, however, till the day she lunched with Foster at the "Carlton."

"That was the signal for the curtain to rise," she explained. "He came to me the same evening to ask who you were. When I said you had been the doctor on the 'Egeria,' and were the nephew of Miss Croom, who had been murdered at Haverstock Hill, he told me a curious tale. Two years ago, Lady Parkinson had been robbed of her jewel case at Waterloo Station. Although a large reward had been offered there was no result, till the other day, Everard in some mysterious way discovered the thief was a man named Hillyard, and that he had deposited the jewels with Miss Croom. Everard," Theresa continued, "saw his chance at once. Sir Joseph would be transported with delight to get them back. He would take his son into favour again. But before there was time to arrange a way to set to work, Everard read of the murder, and as nothing was said about his mother's property, he jumped to the conclusion that you had managed to take it away before the police could find it. He had seen your photograph in a newspaper, and was naturally surprised to recognise you with me at the 'Carlton.' You had not the least right to the things, he insisted. You could not help knowing they had been stolen. He appealed to me to help him, by finding out what you had done with them."

"I think," said Foster able to smile now, "you did it rather badly."

"It was a new experience," she returned. "How I hated it! At first I positively refused, but Everard pleaded so hard and he declared you were no better than a thief. But for that I might never have given way."

Foster turned abruptly, looking down intently into her face.

"Won't you explain a little more fully," he urged.

"You see," she answered, colouring slightly, "I had known you on the 'Egeria.' I—I had not formed that opinion of you. You did not look that sort of person. I insisted that Everard was making a mistake. I would not believe you were capable of keeping stolen property. It seemed ridiculous."

"Yet you allowed Parkinson to convince you!" said Foster.

"No," she protested. "I wanted to convince myself—to prove he was wrong. That was the chief reason I consented to—to pump you."

"Then, as a matter of fact," suggested Foster, "you were disappointed in me."

Theresa slowly nodded.

"Especially when you told me that elaborate Arabian Nights story about your grandfather," she admitted. "I believed you were making it up as we walked along Bruton Street."

"You were entirely disillusioned!"

"I considered you would deserve all you got," she insisted, "and I expected that Everard would go to the police, when he heard the jewels were at your bank. But he wouldn't. He fancied himself as an amateur detective. He wanted to meet cunning with cunning. He said it would be easy to persuade you

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China Sugars, \$12 b.
Malabons, \$27 sa.
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JAPANESE MOTOR SHIP SUNK.

COLLISION WITH AMERICAN FREIGHTER.

Tokyo, Mar. 8.
The American freighter West Cadron, leaving port to-day for Portland, Oregon, ran into and sank a Japanese motor-ship. The crew of eight of the latter vessel were drowned.

to bring the metal box to the flat. I scarcely thought you would be foolish enough," said Theresa, "but I no longer felt the same reluctance."

"I selected a pretty bad lot," said Foster. "You were even prepared to let Parkinson shoot me."

"I didn't see how you could resist," she answered. "I assumed you knew to whom the jewels belonged. You would not dare to risk our telephoning to the police. It seemed certain Everard's bluff would succeed."

"Then the revolver wasn't loaded?" suggested Foster.

"Of course I saw to that," she said. "I made him give it to me. I have often carried a gun. But Everard knew better than to shoot. He felt certain you would put your hands up. And he was right. I rather wondered that you gave in so quickly, but, of course, the moment the box was opened I knew."

(To be continued.)

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Passing to a broader issue which perhaps explained the principles underlying the value of vitamins, Professor Baly contended that this experimental synthesis of the sugars by light aided by the surface effect gave the key which unlocked the door of vital chemistry, and that the chemistry of all life was one of high energy, ordinary laboratory experience being confined to the chemistry of low energy. "From this viewpoint," he concluded, "I see a wonderful vista unfolded itself, wherein new understanding, new hopes, and new possibilities reveal themselves. Health and vitality must essentially depend on the high energy level being maintained, any lowering of that level leading to poor health and weak vitality."

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EXPLODED GASMETER.

MANCHESTER'S ACCIDENT STILL A MYSTERY.

The instant explosion of 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas by which two large gasometers were destroyed and two others put out of commission at the Bradford-street gas works of the Manchester Corporation in August has been the subject of a Government inquiry at Manchester.

Mr. P. M. Heath, Town Clerk, stated that at present the cause of the accident was a mystery. It was true that the gasometers which exploded had been in use 46 or 47 years, but there were 1,500 gas-holders in use in England to-day built at the same time as these. They had been constantly inspected and were declared, so far as the ironwork was concerned, to be in good condition.

What happened, so far as could be ascertained, was that on the afternoon of the accident a peculiar noise was heard and a cloud appeared over No. 4 holder. This was followed by a huge flame, which passed to No. 1, from which flame also leaped, and the contents of both exploded. Fourteen persons were hurt, though not seriously. There was no evidence to support a suggestion of foul play or that there was smoking. Professor Dixon's theory was that some ironwork gave way and created a spark, which caused the disaster.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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A head-on crash in Elgin-avenue, Malda, Vale had a sequel at the Marylebone Police Court when William Schofield, aged 41, an antique dealer, of Digby-mansions, Ham-mersmith, was sentenced by Mr. H. C. A. Bingle to six weeks' imprisonment in the second division for being drunk in charge of a motor-car, and fined 25 with 25s. costs for driving in a manner dangerous to the public. Mr. Charles George Hopson, of Great Portland-street, W., said that Schofield "zig-zagged" along the road and crashed, head on, into his car, damaging it to the extent of 75 or 100 and throwing him (witness) against the wind-screen. Dr. Mayberry said that Schofield was so drunk that he had no idea in which direction he was going.



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SHANGHAI MENACE.

ACTIVITIES OF ROBBERS AND KIDNAPPERS.

The magnitude of the crime problem which confronts the police of Shanghai daily is unknown to the average layman for two reasons; he receives his information from the press, which cannot begin to reproduce the department's activities, and even were this feasible, it still would be impossible to comprehend what is being done because of the variety of work performed during each of the 24 hours by each branch.

A glance at a summary of the past month's record of violent crimes, however, may be of interest, not so much because of a great increase in crime, but rather because a general tendency on the part of armed men to become bold or is to be noted, and because of their general disregard of the law and consequent diminishing of their fear of the police. Not so many years ago, the murder of a policeman was most uncommon, and if the police shot an armed robber, the press gave it front page prominence. It is less than three years ago that the S.M.C. awarded the first Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The Month's Murders.

Perhaps the amount of crime, comparing Shanghai with Chicago, is not so large here as in the American metropolis, which may boast of an average of three murders per day. But that city has nearly 5,000,000 inhabitants, while in the International Settlement there reside less than 1,000,000 persons of all nationalities. Yet during the month of February 12 murders were committed, and four attempts at murder were reported.

On February 1, a gang shot and killed a Chinese police watchman. On the last day of the month, two armed robbers murdered a Chinese policeman in West Hongkew, and fatally wounded a Sikh constable, who died the following day. During the month two innocent Russian watchmen, without in any way provoking a gang of robbers, were coldly shot down, and earlier a coolie, trying to protect his master, met a similar fate. Most of the other killings came about as a result of gang fights, not as in Chicago, where gangsters use machine guns—a form of weapon for the absence of which the police in Shanghai may be thankful.

Kidnapping Unabated.

The kidnapping menace continued unabated. A total of six kidnappings were reported to the police. Probably there were many more similar cases, not known officially. Two sons of well-to-do Chinese, as well as a wealthy comrade, an ex-military officer, a Korean, and a physician, fell into the clutches of several gangs. As far as is known only one of these has been ransomed or rescued. Several other persons had very narrow escapes, but outsiders intervened, saving them and their families from serious consequences. In spite of increased patrols

A BIG ARMS HAUL.

CAPTURE BY A SHANGHAI POLICEMAN.

Shanghai, Mar. 12.

A Settlement policeman, observing a procession of Chinese coolies leaving the Wayside wharf, each with a sack on his shoulder, stopped the foremost for search, whereupon the others dropped their sacks and fled.

The sacks were found to contain 380 automatic pistols and 30,000 rounds of ammunition.—Reuter.

In native Shanghai, more persons were kidnapped there than in the Settlement.

Turning to the other serious menace to the peace of the Settlement, the armed robber element, it is to be noted that 91 instances of armed robbery are on official record. There is some consolation, however, in learning that there were 119 such crimes in February, 1927, and 139 in January, 1928. No reason has been given for this very appreciable decrease, although it is possibly due to the fact that the Nationalists are enrolling large numbers of men into the army. Perhaps it may also be due to the increase in kidnapping, this element organizing in order to obtain larger stakes without immediate personal risk. The installation of burglar alarms may have been a deterrent factor.

Gunmen Growing Bolder.

Included in the 91 are 36 highway robberies, 55 being operations on shops and houses. This is a new phase, for, whereas in February, 1927, it was rare indeed to hear of a highway robbery, in 1928, the number is more than one-third of the total. Ten robberies were frustrated when tenants gave alarms.

The gangsters are becoming bolder and more desperate. In exactly one-seventh of the cases, it was reported that the robbers fired either at their victims—to frighten them or with intent to murder them—or they were met by the police. The police shot four armed robbers. Nearly half of their crimes were committed between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., but armed men in some instances adopted a new departure by operating between 3.30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

In other classifications of crime, we find that there were 61 cases of burglary, 16 of housebreaking, 11 of godownbreaking and 428 of larceny. Twenty Russians were arrested for minor crimes.

Provisional Court Activity.

The Provisional Court has had a busy month. Of those on remand on January 31, 1928, 1,400 for crimes committed before February 1, the Court sentenced three murderers to death and five to life imprisonment. Seven armed kidnappers, also on remand, were sentenced to death, one was given life imprisonment, and seven were dismissed. Of the 38 charged with being armed robbers, one was sentenced to death, 24 to various

RUBBER CONTROL.

JAPANESE INTERESTS AND RESTRICTION.

Singapore, Mar. 12.

The United Society of Japanese Planters, representing the Japanese rubber interests in Malaya, has passed a resolution urging the retention of restriction in a modified form.—Reuter.

Kuala Lumpur Resolution.

Singapore, Mar. 12.

The Kuala Lumpur Chamber of Commerce rubber resolution of March 10 was passed at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur composed of delegates of the Federated Malay States Chamber of Commerce and the European and Asiatic Planting Associations.—Reuter.

[The resolution referred to was reported as follows: The Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution, declaring that a solution of the problem of control lies in the complete co-operation of the Dutch East Indies and Europeans and natives. If such a course is impracticable there should be no sudden abandonment of restriction, which should be continued in a modified form.]

Terms of imprisonment, while 10 were sent on their way. The Court also dealt with quite a number who were charged with being associated with gangs of armed robbers. Nine armed robbers were handed over to the Chinese authorities for further trial and, if found guilty, they are to be shot. One armed kidnapper, after being paraded through the roads, was shot by the Chinese military. Increasing co-operation between the Settlement police and the French police, both in criminal and political matters, is an indication which should cause despondency to be wary. Since the Nationalists have become firmly established there is to be seen an appreciable reciprocation of official courtesies.

The Finger Print Department.

A general index of the crime movements may be gleaned from the reports of the Finger Print Department, through whose work a final check is made on all persons arrested. No fewer than 1,363 fingerprints were submitted to this office, which is 148 more than in January, and 323 greater than in February, 1927. Seventeen foreign prints were inspected and, of the total, 305 persons were identified. The records show—and this point is of more than usual interest—that of persons identified as having been in custody before, 10 per cent. were old offenders whose sentences, had been partially remitted for good behaviour.

With the exception of the robbery of \$2,000 from a transportation company on Peking Road on March 2, the record of the first seven days of this month is very gratifying, and from the point of view of crime detection the arrest of 45 suspected kidnappers and 10 armed robbers, is particularly welcome.—N. C. D. News.



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MR. B. McD. HASTINGS.

London, Feb. 21.
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 (The late Mr. Basil MacDonald Hastings was born in London in 1881, and after being educated at Stonyhurst went to the War Office, where he remained for eight years. He then transferred his attention to literary work and was Assistant Editor of *The Bytander* for three years. During the war he was a Second-Lieutenant in the R.A.F., and achieved a good deal of notoriety as the founder and editor of *The Fledgling* and subsequently of *The Roosters* and *Fledgling* (the R.A.F. journal). His publications included: "The Tribes"; "Letters of Sympathy"; "Faithful Philanderers"; "My Permitted Say"; "Essays"; "Memoirs of a Child"; "Essays of To-day and Yesterday"; "Ladies Half-Way"; "The Laughters"; and the following plays: "The New Sin"; "The Tide"; and "What Then?"; "The Tide"; "Such Nice People"; "Advertisement"; "Bed Rock"; (with Eden Phillips); "Played Out" (one act); "The Angel in the House" (with Eden Phillips); "The Fourth Act" (one act); "Love, Seller" (one act); "Love, Seller" (one act); "Razle-Dazzle" (Dumery Lane Revue); "The Johnson Ole" (with Captain B. Balmfether); "A Certain Balmfether"; "Victory" (from Conrad's novel); "Pep"; "Hank-Panky John"; "Any Woman Would"; "If Winter Comes" (with A. M. Hutchinson); "The Jackdaw of Rheims" (vocal ballet); "Faithful Philanderers." Admiral Hans von Koester.

Berlin, Feb. 22.
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 Lieut.-Col. H. D. Merewether.
 London, Feb. 21.
 The death has occurred of Lieut.-Colonel Herbert Duncan Merewether, formerly of the Indian Political Department.

SEVERE WEATHER.

BRITAIN EXPERIENCING GALES.

London, Mar. 12.
 Severe weather was experienced throughout the British Isles during the weekend. High northeasterly winds prevailed, and the temperature fell to several degrees below freezing point.
 Snow was general, and in many parts it fell to a depth of several inches and road traffic was greatly impeded.
 Early this morning, there was a heavy fall in London, but the streets were cleared before the busy hours.
 Four lives were lost as the result of the fierce weather. Two fishermen were drowned by the overturning of their skiff in the blizzard, and, as already reported, a French Air Union Paris-London air liner was forced down by snow in the English Channel yesterday, both the pilot and mechanic being dead when picked up.
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NEW TERRITORY INCIDENT.

A charge of driving a private motor car on the Tai Po Road on the afternoon of February 29, whilst in an intoxicated condition was brought against Miss G. Gale, of No. 53, Hollywood Road, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.
 Mr. D. H. Blake appeared for the defendant, who was not present in Court, and asked for a remand for about a week as there might be a number of enquiries to be made.
 His Worship: I think we had better fix a special day for this instead of having it on an ordinary traffic day.
 Mr. Blake: Yes, Your Worship. Asked whether he would rather the case was heard on a morning or an afternoon, Mr. Blake replied that he thought it would be better to fix an afternoon as it might be necessary for the defence to call medical evidence.
 The case was accordingly adjourned till 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday March 20.

VIOLENT STORM.

FIVE SHIPS WRECKED OFF CHIBA COAST.

Tokyo, Mar. 12.
 Five vessels, ranging from 1,200 tons to 5,200 tons, were wrecked off the Chiba coast in a violent storm on the night of March 10 and 11. The crews of two were saved, but it is feared that the other three foundered with all hands. Meanwhile a destroyer and two other vessels are searching the localities where the ships are supposed to have been wrecked, while naval planes are assisting in the search.—*Reuter.*

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 Religious Knowledge:—Class 1, H. J. Noronha (His Lordship, The Bishop's Prize); Class 2, C. Victor; Class 3, A. Wong; Class 4, C. Wing Lee; Class 5, A. Cordelro; Class 6, R. Gutierrez; Class 7, Young Tso-hung; Class 8, Lo Chung-hung.
 Kowloon Branch:—Class 5, Frank Allum (Very Rev. Fr. Spada's Prize); Class 6, Ricardo Xavier; Class 7, Lionel Rodrigues; Class 8, Arthur Gomes.
 Portuguese School.
 Prizes received from the "Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos" to be awarded to:
 Kowloon:—Class VI, Masters Damaso Aquino and Antonio Souza; Class VII, Masters A. P. Souza and L. Souza.
 Hongkong:—Class V, Master G. Remedios and Henrique Rom; Class IV, Masters Domingos Fucruia and Victor Souza; Class III, Master Sebastiao Hung and Alberto Xavier; Class II, Masters Germano Ribeiro, Carlos Xavier, and Carlos A. Rozza.
 Portuguese Consul-General's Prize awarded to Master Gussy Remedios.
 Mr. D. Almeida's Prize awarded to Master Lionel Osmund (Kowloon) for his application.
 Portuguese Examinations.
 The following candidates have passed their Portuguese Senior and Junior Examinations (University): Masters Gussy Remedios, Gilberto V. Ribeiro, Jose M. Xavier, Luiz Barros and Alberto Pinto (Junior); Renato Alvares, Joao B. Goncalves, Plinio A. Xavier, Henrique Goncalves, and Pedro Rozario, (Senior).
 The Concert.
 Those taking part in the concert were the Rev. Father A. Riquart, Professor E. Gualdi, Master J. Paterson, Mr. J. Bragg, Master Michael Murphy and the College Choir.
 Prize donors are Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. F. H. Barnes, Mr. Jos. V. Chanatong, and Mr. Chon Po-sien.

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The Hongkong branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank is in receipt of a cablegram to the effect that at the 69th half-yearly ordinary general meeting of the shareholders held at the head office at Yokohama on the 10th inst., a net profit of Yen 15,223,536.48, including Yen 6,179,046.46, carried over from last account, was reported. It was resolved to pay a dividend of 10 per cent. (absorbing Yen 5,000,000) for the half year ended the 31st December, 1922, to add to the Reserve Fund Yen 3,000,000, and to carry forward the sum of Yen 7,223,536.48 to the next account.

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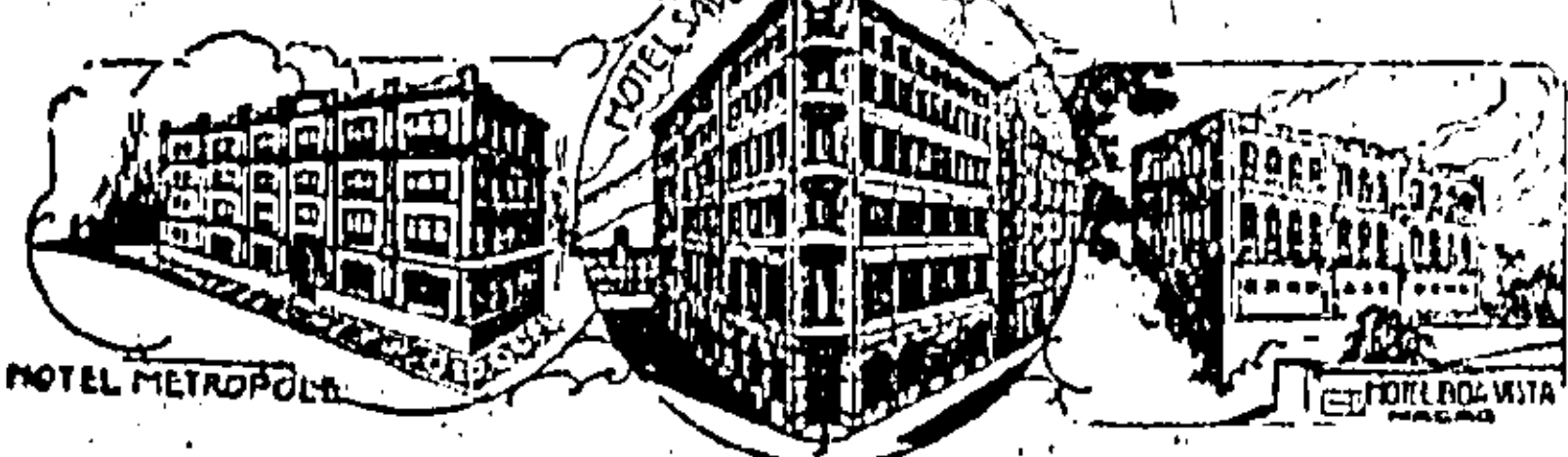
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NO INDIAN TROOPS
FOR IRAK.HOLY WAR FEARS STILL
UNCONFIRMED.

IBN SAUD'S SUBSIDY.

London, Mar. 12.
The situation in Arabia was discussed in the House of Commons at question-time, when Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, expressed himself as glad of the opportunity to deny the report that Indian troops had been ordered to Kowat.

Mr. Amery added that there had been no confirmation of the report that Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, had declared a Holy War, or had made any movement which could be identified as such.

It was still considered unnecessary by the British authorities to send a British representative to Ibn Saud's court, recent advices showing that the position had been exaggerated and there is little cause for immediate anxiety, though a large force of Wahabists is reported to be concentrated on the Transjordanian frontier.

The Dominions Secretary also informed a questioner that the total cost of the subsidy paid to Ibn Saud in the years 1917-1923 was approximately £542,000. No subsidy had been paid to the King of the Hedjaz since 1923.—*Reuter*.

London, Mar. 12.
Asked whether the sensational reports which had appeared in the newspapers could be disregarded as being unduly alarmist, Mr. Amery thought they might. He added there was no evidence that Ibn Saud was directly responsible for the raids which it would be scarcely accurate to describe as an invasion.

The British Government were in frequent communication with Ibn Saud.

Last December they suggested a meeting at a convenient spot between Ibn Saud and the Resident at the Persian Gulf to discuss any outstanding matters.

The suggestion had been several times repeated but Ibn Saud, so far, had not availed himself of the opportunity offered him for full discussion of outstanding questions.—*British Wireless*.

AGRICULTURE IN THE
EMPIRE.LOVAT COMMITTEE MAKES
SUGGESTIONS.

London, Mar. 12.
A report of the Committee which has been considering a scheme for the creation of a Colonial agricultural and scientific research service and headed by Lord Lovat, estimates the cost to be £127,000 sterling. The committee recommends a joint council and two committees, the latter dealing with agriculture and animal health respectively and should sit in the Imperial Institute, while a room should be available in the Colonial Office for the agricultural advisers.

The chief adviser should be a distinguished scientist on a salary of £2,500 with an assistant on a salary of £2,000. It is essential to attract the best men if permanent results are to be expected.

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QUICKER IMPERIAL
SERVICES.

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larly, new for old types of machines; and thirdly, the right of the State to share in any ultimate prosperity that the Company might obtain.

The details of the agreement were still under discussion with the Government of India and the Imperial Airways.

Persia's Opposition.

The Minister expressed regret at the opposition of the Persian Government to the Persian section of the route. He pointed out that the project would have cost the Persian Government nothing and would be a real asset to Persia. These obvious advantages, had seemed at one time greatly to appeal to the Persian Government, whose officials had helped to map out the route, and an agreement had actually been signed between the British and Persian Governments. These facts made him hope that the present difficulties were due to a misunderstanding and that an agreement might still be reached, satisfactory to both Governments. Meanwhile, the Air Ministry had been investigating the possibilities of alternative routes.—*British Wireless*.

FAMOUS BRITISH AIRMAN KILLED.



Flight Lieutenant Kinkaid, who was killed instantaneously yesterday, whilst attempting a new speed record at Calshot, Southampton Water, is seen in the centre of the above group. With him are Flight Lieut. Worley (left) and Flight Lieut. Webster. They composed the British team which won the Schneider Cup for Great Britain at Venice last year.

SAFETY OF TRAM-CARS.
RUNNING NOT AFFECTED BY
STATE OF ROADWAY.

The accident to a London County Council tramcar in Balham High-road, as a result of which many persons were injured, has given rise to some anxiety regarding the state of the roadways in London, over which 1,600 tramcars pass daily. It was suggested that a section of the line near the scene of the accident had fallen beneath the level of the roadway.

The officials of the tramways department of the L.C.C., however, dispose of the theory that the subsidence or the emergence of the tram-track from the roadway has anything to do with its safety.

"The best answer to that assertion," said one of the officials to a newspaper representative, "is that we can continue our running with perfect safety while a road is being formed on either side of the track. The state of the roadway makes absolutely no difference, as long as the line itself is in good running order."

BIG EXPLOSION AT
QUARRY BAY.

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Boiler in Use.

There was other machinery in the building, but the owner explained that this was run by electricity and did not depend for power on the boiler. Electricians were on the scene almost immediately after the explosion and attended to such wires and fuses as needed attention.

At the time of the explosion the boiler was in use, with live coal at the bottom. After its top had shot through the roof, it lay in a horizontal position on one side of the big hole which had been blown in the roof of the factory.

Injured by Falling Wall.

The explosion itself, although extremely forceful, caused little bodily injury to the workmen. It was the collapse of the thick brick wall at the side of the boiler and the crushing down of the roof that accounted for most of the injuries. Two huge pieces of the wall, each weighing several hundredweight, were later found amongst the debris.

The owner informed our representative that he was having his meal, with his family and a few senior folk, at the time of the explosion. They were all terrified at the loud report and dashed for safety as fragments of cement and brick flew in all directions.

Police from the Shaukwan Station were quickly on the scene, and the ambulance was immediately sent for. Prior to this, the injured folk were given such assistance as was available on the spot, and on the arrival of the ambulance the eleven men were rushed to hospital.

The building and the machinery, it is learned, are covered by insurance, but the full extent of the damage is not yet established. A rough estimate places the damage to the walls, roof and boiler at over \$2,000.

Long Beach (Cal.), Feb. 10. An entire block of the city, including an oil refinery, is reported to have been burned down by a fire early this morning, which caused the loss of six lives. Six oil derricks were burned to the ground.

GOVERNOR'S 62ND
BIRTHDAY.SIR HUGH CLIFFORD HAS
AERIAL TRIP.

45 YEARS' SERVICE.

Singapore, Mar. 5.
To-day is Sir Hugh Clifford's sixty-second birthday, and it is entirely characteristic of His Excellency that he proposes to celebrate the event by making a 15,000 feet altitude flight in one of H.M.S. Hermes' seaplanes this afternoon. His Excellency told a *Straits Times* representative at Government House this morning that the greatest height he had ever flown before was 8,000 feet. He made his first flight over Colombo in a seaplane from the Hermes, and also his first flight over Singapore, when the Hermes was here last September.

One interesting fact His Excellency mentioned was that of all the group who flew from Port Swettenham to Seletar last week in the R.A.F. machines he was the senior airman, in that he had flown before any of them. Group Captain Cave-Brown-Cave, first went up in 1913, whereas His Excellency made his first flight in 1912, with Grahame-White at Hendon. "That was in the days when you sat on something like a baker's tray, with nothing but wires under your feet," Sir Hugh added.

While on the subject of flying His Excellency said that he was very anxious to see the Malayan mail services knitted up. "I think it must come soon," he said, "and it will be of very great value, especially on the West Coast."

"I don't think I have any message to give you except that I am very glad to find myself back in this country again," His Excellency said. "There are many problems of very great importance to be dealt with during my term of office, but I do not wish to talk prematurely. I believe in taking a full year of study before one begins to talk, especially in such a large country as Malay."

After stating that he hoped to visit Lebuon, Brunei, and British North Borneo in May, and Sarawak in November, His Excellency added one brief but important comment upon the present rubber situation. "Personally I regard restriction as something of the first importance," he said, "and the sudden weakening of restriction, if such a thing were to happen, would be very disastrous in its consequences. Everybody must know that for themselves."

His Excellency has now completed forty-five years service in the Colonies.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The discovery of the course of the Congo River by H. M. Stanley. 2. The MS. of Thomas Hardy's "Last Poem." 3. Christmas in the Elgin Room. 4. President of the Board of Education; First Lord of the Admiralty; President of the Board of Trade; Australian Commonwealth Minister of Health; President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State. 5. (a) Fish-eating animals, (b) vegetable and grain eating animals. 6. Athenian philosopher; from his friends Plato and Xenophon, as he wrote no books himself. 7. Fourteenth century. 8. Thomas Campbell. 9. Kosciuszko, a Polish patriot, headed the national movement in Cracow in 1794, and fell into the hands of the Russians. 10. Pillars at the porch of Solomon's Temple, erected by Hiram King of Tyre. 11. Australia. 12. Egin (Hill-nole) and William (Massachusetts). 13. (a) A rich blue stone from which the blue pigment, ultramarine, was originally obtained; (b) one who cuts and sets precious stones. 14. Confidentially; certain privileges bring certain obligations; unabridged; what good will it do?

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